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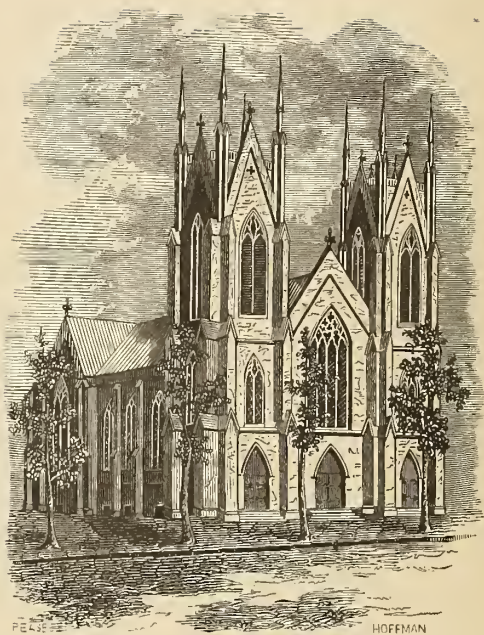
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TRINITY CHURCH, BROAD STREET, ALBANY.

A
BRIEF HISTORY
OF THE
PARISH OF TRINITY CHURCH,
ALBANY, N. Y.,

FROM
ITS ORGANIZATION, SEPTEMBER 4, 1829,

TO THE
CONSECRATION OF THE CHURCH EDIFICE, SEPT. 10. 1849.
BY THE RIGHT REV. BISHOP WHITTINGHAM.

ALSO
A Continued History of the Parish to January, 1870.

COMPILED FROM THE RECORDS, BY THE
REV. EDWARD SELKIRK,

AT THE CLOSE OF
THE TWENTY-SIXTH YEAR OF HIS SERVICES IN THE PARISH.
AS RECTOR.



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TRINITY CHURCH.

Before proceeding to give the direct history of the organization of the parish of Trinity Church, it may be well to note, that from the time of planting the church in the city of Albany, early in the eighteenth century, by a society incorporated in England under King William the second, A. D. 1701, for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, until Nov., 1827, there was but one parish of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the city of Albany, which in common parlance was called the English Church, and now more generally known as the parish of St. Peter's Church, worshipping in an edifice standing on the north side of State street.

During the summer of 1827 a congregation worshipping God agreeably to the forms of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, was assembled in the south district of the city, in a school room on South Pearl street by the Rev. Richard Bury, and on the 12th day of November, 1827, the male members of said congregation assembled in said school room according to legal notice; when divine service having been performed by the Rev. Richard Bury, the members of the congregation present, with the Rev. Mr. Bury as chairman, proceeded to elect two wardens and eight vestrymen preparatory to their incorporation as a parish, and the following named gentlemen were elected the first officers of the parish: Edward A. Le Breton, senior warden; Thomas Knowlson, junior warden; Barent P. Staats, Charles Skerritt, John Le Breton, Hezekiah Wells, Bristol Fox, Agur Wells, John Nelliger, John W. McDougal, vestrymen; who proceeded to incorporate themselves as a parish, to be ever after known by the name, or title of St. Paul's Church or Congregation in the City of Albany.

Having become incorporated by the above title and thus forming the second parish in the city of Albany, on the 28th of November, 1827, the wardens and vestrymen appointed a committee to purchase as a site for a church edifice, two lots on the north-west corner of Ferry and Dallius streets, for the sum of \$2,500; and on the 15th of June, 1828, they directed said committee to purchase an adjoining lot at the price of \$500. Previous to the purchase of the last lot, a building committee was appointed, who on the 14th of May, 1828, accepted the proposal of Henry Peeres to build a church edifice on said lots for the sum of \$12,550; and on the 11th day of June, 1828, the Rt. Rev. Bp. Hobart laid the corner stone of the proposed building, which was to be constructed agreeably to a plan drawn by Philip Hooker, of Albany, architect, of the Gothic order of architecture, and to be 56 by 85 feet, the walls to be built of rough blue stone, etc.

The church was accordingly built and consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Bp. Hobart, on the 24th day of July, 1829, Rev. Richard Bury being the rector, and was occupied by the congregation until the year 1839, during which time the following named gentlemen were successively rectors of the parish, viz: Rev. Richard Bury from the organization of the parish in the year 1827, to March 22, 1830. Rev. William Linn Kcese from 1830 to Nov., 1833. Rev. J. H. Price, from January, 1834, to May 27, 1837. Rev. William I. Kip, accepted a call as rector, June 13, 1837, and is still rector of the parish now in the year 1851.

In the year 1839, on the 24th of January, the Rev. Wm. I. Kip being rector, Messrs. Wm. H. Dewitt and Hezekiah Wells, wardens, and Messrs. Peter P. Staats, Simeon Dewitt Bloodgood, Henry T. Meech, Robert L. Noyes, Homer R. Phelps, Sylvester Reed, Harmon Pease, William Winne, vestrymen, it was resolved in vestry meeting to be "expedient to sell Saint Paul's church," etc., for a sum "not less than \$15,500, including the organ," and that a committee be appointed and authorized to obtain the refusal of the Theatre in South Pearl street, and engage H. Rector, architect, to draw plans and estimate the expenses of alterations necessary to convert the Theatre into a Church. Agreeably to the above proceedings the Church was sold to the Ro-

manists on the 4th of Feb., 1839, for the sum of \$15,500 including the organ ; and on the 20th of Feb., 1839, a committee was authorized to close the contract for the purchase of the Theatre at a cost of \$6,000, before the first of March following, which was done, and the plans of Mr. Rector for alterations were adopted, and the proposals of Mr. Sutton to do the carpenter work for the sum of \$9,300 was accepted, and the work done accordingly ; when, on the 24th of February, 1840, the vestry passed the following resolutions : "Thanking St. Peter's congregation for the courtesies extended to the congregation of St. Paul's during the repairs and alterations of the theatre," and the congregation of St. Paul's Church, previously worshipping in the church thus sold to the Romanists, removed to their new Church in South Pearl street above Hudson. The Church sold is now known as St. John's Church.

The sale of the Church in Ferry street and the removal of St. Paul's congregation up town, seems to have been the moving cause, that prompted certain persons who had been members of that parish, to organize a *third* parish in the city of Albany, in order to provide a place of worship in that portion of the city from which St. Paul's parish had removed.

Whereupon in the summer of 1839, a few Episcopalians leased a building on the south side of Westerlo street between Dallius and Church streets, known as the Cameronian Church (which was destroyed by fire in the year 1848), and engaged the Rev. Isaac Swart of Troy, to officiate as their pastor, and on the 4th of Sept., 1839, the male members of the parish, entitled by law to elect wardens and vestrymen, were convened according to the requirements of the statute of the state, when morning prayer having been said by the Rev. Mr. Swart, they proceeded to the choice of officers, when Messrs. S. Reed and Homer R. Phelps were elected wardens and Messrs. Crawford Livingston, Sidney Guest, A. Southwick, Lewis Brothers, Edward Bateman, Edward Owens, Seth Jarvis, and John Kerr, vestrymen.

The officers thus elected fixed upon Tuesday in Easter week as the day on which their successors should be chosen ; and chose as the corporate name *The Rector, Churchwardens and Vestrymen of Trinity Church in the City of Albany ;*

and secured the act of incorporation by the above title, and thus organized the third parish of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the city of Albany.

On the 11th of Sept., 1839, the board of vestry met and resolved, "that the Rev. Mr. Swart be invited forthwith to become their rector." When the Rev. Mr. Swart being called upon signified his acceptance of the invitation, and became the first rector of Trinity Church, where he continued to labor until the 7th of January, 1840, when he tendered his resignation to the vestry, which they accepted on the 9th inst. The parish being thus early left without a rector, it enjoyed only such services as could be obtained from Sunday to Sunday, of the neighboring clergy for nearly ten months: when on the first of October, 1840, the Rev. Mr. Dowdney of Athens, accepted a call to take charge of the parish as its rector. The parish having been left so long without a rector in its earliest infancy, being at first but few in number, could not be expected to have gained much strength. It is, therefore, not strange that in the spring of 1841, finding themselves unable to pay the rent for the building in which they worshiped, they were obliged to suffer their organ, cushions, books, stoves, and fixtures to be legally seized and sold.

Being thus cast down, but not destroyed, the congregation obtained as their next place of worship a room in the District School House on the corner of Dallius and Ferry streets, and while worshiping there the vestry received a communication from the Rev. William I. Kip, rector of St Paul's parish in the city of Albany, proposing to them to become a missionary parish, and as such to be aided by the other parishes in the city, which proposition was not accepted, and the congregation continued to labor on as an independent parish.

The next effort was to obtain some permanent place to worship; and to this end during the summer of 1841, a lease was obtained from the heirs of the estate of Richard Ray, late of New York, of a plot of ground some 60 by 70 feet on the south-east corner Herkimer and Franklin streets, on which to erect a church edifice, and although the minutes of the vestry do not show any proceedings in relation to leasing the ground, or erecting the building, yet I am

informed by gentlemen who were vestrymen at the time, that during the summer of 1841, Mr. John Bradt, was employed to draw plans, etc., for an edifice to be built of wood, of the Grecian order, and that Mr. Wm. Chambers was contracted with to do the carpenter work of said building for the sum of \$1440. That after the building had been commenced, and during the fall of 1841, the Rev. Mr. Dowdney tendered his resignation as rector of the parish, leaving it to get on as best it could. From this time until June, 1842, the parish was without a rector or place of worship, during which time the building was completed, and capable of seating about 300 persons; when the vestry tendered a call on the 18th of May, to the Rev. Edward Embury, to become rector of the parish, which call was accepted, and the Rev. Mr. Embury entered upon the duties of his office, as I am informed, in June, 1842, although his acceptance, or the time of entering upon his duties as rector are not recorded in the minutes of the vestry. And no records of any proceedings of the vestry seem to have been made, from May, 1842, until Easter Tuesday, April 18, 1843, at which time after morning prayer being said by the Rev. Mr. Embury, Messrs. Wm. H. Hughes and Charles Anderson were elected wardens, and Messrs. Geo. Stanwix, Thomas Bateman, Richard Parr, Richard McGlinn, Arthur Boyle, John Coughtry, R. H. Northrop, Charles Clapp, vestrymen, for the ensuing year.

At this time the congregation was but small; and the few were people of but limited ability, to sustain the parish in a pecuniary point of view; and the building they had erected was encumbered with a mortgage of \$1080; besides other parish indebtedness. But being encouraged by their rector to labor on in their laudable work of building up a congregation, the vestry met on the 20th of April, 1843, to take into consideration the condition of the finances of the parish. And after appointing George Stanwix as treasurer and John Coughtry as secretary, they directed their treasurer to "call upon and ask payment of those persons who for some time past had not paid their indebtedness to the Church; and resolved that Mr. Clapp be authorized to collect moneys in the city of Albany, and that Messrs. George Stanwix and

Thomas Bateman be a committee to raise money in New York city, to liquidate the mortgage on their Church."

With what success the above named persons labored in raising moneys I find no record in the minutes of the vestry, but am verbally informed, that during the years 1842 and 1843, there was raised in various ways for the relief of the parish some \$500, which was paid on the mortgage; when in the fall of 1843, the Rev. Mr. Embury resigned his rectorship of the parish, leaving it once more without any pastoral care.

The next recorded action of the vestry was on the 19th of Dec., 1843, when they "unanimously resolved that W. H. Hughes, senior warden, be authorized to invite by letter, the Rev. Edward Selkirk, of New York, to become rector of their parish." Accordingly such invitation was forwarded to the Rev. Mr. Selkirk, which he accepted on the 1st of January, 1844, and during the month entered upon his duties as rector.

The parish had now been in existence a little more than four years, during which time there had been three rectors in charge, whose united services were only two and a half years. Yet the parish had struggled on amidst many difficulties, still weak and embarrassed with debt, and with but a feeble prospect of being long able to maintain an existence.

Although considerable had been done, yet the church edifice was far from being a comfortable place of worship, being so imperfectly warmed that few could endure the cold during the hours of service. Hence all the persons including men, women and children that could be gathered for the regular morning and afternoon services during the winter of 1844 varied from 20 to 40 souls. It was at once proposed by the rector, to open the church for a third service in the evening. At the third service many who were not members of the parish of Trinity Church, came in. Yet the Church being cold and badly lighted, and having neither choir, nor organ, to aid in rendering the services attractive, but little seemed to be effected.

The foremost and greatest difficulty that seemed to present itself to hinder the growth of the parish, was its indebtedness; and the want of pecuniary ability on the part of the parishioners to remove it. But being once more

encouraged by having a rector, the small band of ladies connected with the parish set themselves to work to do what they could; and finding some ladies of the other parishes ready to second their efforts, before the spring of 1844, they had raised some \$200. Then a subscription was started among the parishioners, and afterwards circulated among the citizens, until in June, 1844, it was found that the sum of \$680.75 had been raised which liquidated the mortgage on the building. Thus encouraged, soon after, a small organ was obtained, at a cost of \$180 (and paid for by the efforts of the ladies, the following winter). A voluntary choir came together, and the parish seemed gradually to increase. The next thing to be done was to have the lamps altered, and stoves provided sufficient to warm the Church; the lamps being made to burn camphene often went out, leaving the congregation in darkness until candles could be procured, to enable the rector to proceed with the service. These lamps, however, were altered to burn oil, and additional oil lamps added, which served to light the Church effectually. Two new coal stoves were purchased during the fall of 1844, and some slight alterations made in the Church, rendering it quite comfortable for worship during the winter season of 1845, and after. In the meantime, the sidewalks and pavement were put in order, and a plain picket fence erected on the front and west side of the Church at an expense of about \$80; and a new vestry room built on the south east corner of the Church at an expense of over \$40. Hence there was from January 1st, 1844 to January 1st, 1845, the following amounts paid for former indebtedness of the parish, and improvements about the Church, together with an organ, besides sundry small debts:

On mortgage to Wm. Chambers,.....	\$660
Paid for organ, \$180; fence and pavement, \$80,.....	260
Vestry room, \$40; stoves, pipe, chimneys, &c., \$50,.....	90
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The following is the form of subscription with the amount subscribed for liquidating the mortgage to Wm. Chambers, in the spring of 1844.

We, the undersigned, promise to pay to the bearer, on demand, for the purpose of liquidating the mortgage on

Trinity Church, the sums affixed to our respective names, provided there is added to this subscription the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, and otherwise raised, or hereon subscribed, a sufficient amount to pay said mortgage amounting to six hundred and sixty-seven dollars or thereabouts.

Ladies Society,...	\$204.75	Kelly Attwood,...	\$10.00	Richard McGlinn,...	\$10.00
Edward Selkirk,...	10.00	Geo. Cumming,...	3.00	Miss Cook,.....	5.00
Wm. H. Inghees,...	10.00	G. B. & R. H. Fra-		Ed. Brinkerhoff,...	5.00
Arthur Boyle,.....	10.00	ser,.....	15.00	Mrs. Bratt,.....	5.00
Thomas Bateman,...	10.00	James Hall,.....	2.00	Daniel Attwood,...	5.00
Jas. L. Humphrey,...	10.00	O. A. Kingsley,...	3.00	Mrs. Chas. Ander-	
Wm. H. Topp,.....	10.00	Eugene Kissam,...	5.00	son,.....	5.00
Homer R. Phelps,...	10.00	Joseph Mather,...	5.00		
George Stanwix,...	10.00	Wm. Kerr,.....	5.00		
John Patterson,...	10.00	John Hurdie,.....	5.00		\$382.75

The above amount having been raised by the ladies and by the subscriptions of parishioners, the following subscription was circulated among the citizens, and the annexed amounts obtained:

We, the undersigned, promise to pay the bearer, on or before the first of June, next, the sum affixed to our respective names, to liquidate the bond and mortgage on Trinity Church:

James Stevenson,...	\$20.00	James Cooper,....	\$3.00	E. E. Kendrick,...	\$5.00
Matthew Gregory,...	10.00	John F. Townsend,	5.00	Cash,.....	5.00
John Gott,.....	5.00	B. P. Staats, ..	5.00	"	5.00
Wm. E. Bleecker,...	5.00	B. C. Raymond,...	5.00	"	3.00
J. V. L. Pruyn,...	5.00	R. McCabe,.....	5.00	"	3.00
James Taylor,....	5.00	J. G. Northrop,...	5.00	"	3.00
Wm. Chapman,....	5.00	J. B. Plumb,.....	3.00	"	5.00
G. W. Porter,	11.00	H. G. Wheaton,...	5.00	"	3.00
R. Whitlock,.....	5.00	Ira Porter,.....	2.00	"	1.00
Miss Anna Ten		Cash,	2.00	"	1.00
Eyck,.....	5.00	"	2.00	R. Steel,.....	2.00
Rev. Horatio Pot-		"	3.00	Cash,.....	2.00
ter,.....	5.00	James Kidd,....	3.00	"	2.00
G. W. Stanton,...	10.00	Mrs. Horner,.....	5.00	J. S. Colt,.....	2.00
S. T. Van Buren,...	5.00	M. T. Reynolds,...	5.00	Cash,.....	3.00
A. Groesbeek,....	5.00	Charles Coates,...	5.00	Mrs. Dudley,....	2.00
Daniel Spencer,...	10.00	John Jones,.....	5.00	Cash,.....	1.00
Le Grand Smith,...	5.00	S. Cobb,.....	3.00	"	3.00
Wm. J. Warner,...	5.00	Wm. Nettle,.....	2.00	"	2.00
Mrs. Godley,.....	10.00	Cash,	3.00	"	1.00
J. K. Wing,.....	5.00	G. O. Merrifield,...	3.00		
Wm. H. Dewitt,...	5.00	Mrs. E. Croswell,...	5.00	Brought up,....	298.00
A. P. Palmer,....	3.00	A. Rogers,.....	2.00	Parish subscrip-	
Peter G. Dox,....	3.00	Mrs. Honeysett,...	2.00	tions,.....	\$82.75
Thomas S. Barber,...	1.00	Wm. Lacy,.....	1.00		
Cash,.....	2.00	John Ten Eyck,...	5.00		\$680.75

The above amount having been raised previous to the first of June, 1844, early in the fall following the annexed subscription was drawn up and circulated.

We, the undersigned, promise to pay the sums affixed to our respective names, for the purpose of procuring stoves and building a vestry room for Trinity Church.

O. R. Van Benthuy- sen,.....	\$25.00	Thomas Brooks, ..	\$2.00	Mr. Pewtress,...	\$1.00
Wm. H. Hughes,...	1.25	Joseph Mather,...	2.00	Mr. Ellison,....	2.00
S. F. Phelps,.....	3.00	Kelly Attwood,...	3.00	John Ten Eyck, ..	1.00
Geo. Stanwix,....	3.00	Dr. P. P. Staats..	5.00	Cash,	1.00
Arthur Boyle,....	2.00	Wm. H. Topp,....	2.00	Mr. Clark,	2.00
Richard McGlinn, ..	2.00	Richard Parr,....	1.00	Wm. Denning,...	0.50
James L. Humph- rey,	2.00	Geo. Cummings, ..	1.00	Wm. Farally,....	0.50
Homer R. Phelps, ..	5.00	James Morrow,...	2.00	John Wright,....	3.00
John Patterson, ..	3.00	John M. Bullock, ..	2.00		
		Mr. Forbes,.....	1.00		
		Eugene Kissam, ..	1.00		
					\$80.25

No sooner had the above been accomplished, than the ladies of the parish again seconded the efforts of the gentlemen in procuring means for carrying on the work of building up the parish, which resulted in their paying into the treasury, in December, 1844, for the purchase of an organ and other church purposes the sum of \$210 or thereabouts.

During the year 1845, the parish continued gradually to improve in numbers and strength; and although so much had been done during the previous year, still *all* had not been done that stood in the way of the growth of the parish. There still remained a floating debt of some two hundred dollars to be liquidated. How it could be done was the question to be solved. The proposition was made in vestry meeting, that a subscription should at once be commenced by the wardens and vestry and circulated among the parishioners. The proposition was adopted, and the following form of subscription was accordingly drawn up, to which the persons whose names are attached, subscribed:

We, the subscribers, agree to pay the sums set opposite our respective names, for extinguishing the floating debt now existing against Trinity Church. Which debt being extinguished leaves the Church free from all incumbrance, and in such a state as to meet its annual expenses, by its regular annual income. So that hereafter there need not accrue any floating debt.

S. F. Phelps,.....	\$25.00	Ric'd. McGlinn,...	\$3.00	Wm. H. Topp,....	\$2.00
Wm. S. Ellison, ..	5.00	O. R. V. Benthuy- sen,	5.00	Samuel Westcott,	1.00
Richard Parr,....	10.00	Cash,	6.54	Cash,	3.00
Jn. M. Bullock,...	5.00	H. R. Phelps,....	5.00	Mrs. Bratt,....	2.00
Wm. H. Hughes, ..	3.00	Cash,	5.00	Cash,	1.00
T. P. Waters,....	5.00	John Wright,....	5.00	Cash,	1.00
James L. Humph- rey,	5.00	Mr. Farally,....	1.00		
Geo. Stanwix,....	3.00	Wm. Denning,...	1.00		
					\$102.00

This subscription having been made, the ladies of the parish seconded the efforts of the gentlemen, by organizing themselves into a sewing society, for the purpose of raising funds for the parish, which resulted in their paying into the treasury of the church, as the proceeds of a fair, the sum of \$325, which, together with the amount raised by subscription, enabled the parish to pay all its debts, and left \$255 surplus, which was deposited in the Albany Savings Bank for future use, so at the close of the year 1845, the parish was free from debt, and, though small, in a prosperous condition.

At the commencement of the year 1846, the parish being in a flourishing condition, it was thought desirable on the part of many parishioners, to exchange the organ then in possession of the parish, it being small and a very imperfect instrument, for a larger and more perfect and effective instrument; accordingly it was agreed that the money then in the bank might be used for that purpose, *provided*, that a sum necessary to pay the balance between the old organ and a new one could be raised by subscription after using the money on hand. Accordingly it was ascertained that such an organ as was desired could be obtained for the sum of \$500, or \$350 and the old organ, and to make up the requisite sum of \$350, the following subscription was made:

We, the undersigned, promise to pay the sum affixed to our names, for the purpose of procuring an organ for Trinity Church, Albany.

Packard Van Ben-		T. D. James,	\$5	J. L. Humphrey, ...	\$3
thuyssen,	\$20	S. F. Phelps,	10	Daniel Spence,	5
Homer R. Phelps,	10	S. S. Barnes,	5	Samuel Westcott, ..	5
Kelly Attwood,	7	John Stow,	2	Mrs. Scribner,	5
Andrew J. Colvin, ..	5	John Ten Eyck,	5	Wm. H. Topp,	3
T. P. Waters,	5	J. M. Bullock,	5	Miss Lewis,	6
R. H. Northrop,	5	John Tanner,	3		
					\$174

When the above amount had been subscribed and paid, it being the sum required, a contract was made with Messrs. Hall & Labah, organ builders of New York city, to furnish a specified organ, for the sum of \$350 and the old organ. The organ was accordingly built and placed in the church, corner of Herkimer and Franklin streets, in July, 1846. The organ was pronounced by competent judges to be a

most perfect instrument in all its parts, and served to enable the choir vastly to improve in the performance of their part of the service, all of which tended to aid in building up the church of God. It was soon found that more persons were disposed to come together for divine worship than the church would accommodate, especially of an evening, and the subject began to be talked of in private, of in some way providing more church accommodations. Various suggestions were made during the fall and winter of 1846, when in the spring of 1847, the demand for more church room apparently increasing, a meeting of the vestry was called on the 1st of March, to take into consideration the propriety of building a new church. The result of their deliberations was, the appointing of a committee of three to draw up and circulate a conditional subscription, and also to select a site for the new church, and report to the next meeting. The committee appointed was the rector, Rev. Edward Selkirk, and Messrs. S. F. Phelps and Packard Van Benthuyzen. Mr. George Stanwix was afterwards added to the committee.

In discharge of the duties assigned them, the committee procured some five subscription books, drew up the following form of subscription, to which, in process of time, the following amounts were subscribed and paid over to the treasurer of the congregation, for procuring the site and the erection of the church edifice, now known as Trinity Church, in Broad street :

In consideration that the corporation of *Trinity Church*, in the city of Albany, shall build a new church edifice for the congregation they represent, we, the subscribers, hereby agree to pay the said corporation the sums set opposite our names respectively, in such ratable sums, and at such times, as said corporation shall direct, for procuring a site and erecting a suitable church edifice thereon ; provided, however, that on or before the first day of June, 1847, the whole amount of subscription for the aforesaid purpose, and means otherwise pledged to said corporation therefor, shall amount at least to the sum of *twelve thousand dollars*.

And it is further provided, that our individual subscriptions shall when paid in, be offset against the value of any

pew or seat which we may purchase in such new church edifice.

Dated at Albany, March 8th, 1847.

Trinity Ch., N.Y., \$5,000	Jno. I. Boyd,	\$25	R. L. Joice,	\$10
Parish property, . .	Franklin Townsend, . .	25	R. D. Granger, . . .	10
The church building in Herkimer street, sold for,	W. D. White,	25	E. Westerlo,	10
Organ reserved, . . .	John Knower,	25	Hammond, King & Barnes,	5
H. Yates, in land, . .	Mrs. Dudley,	25	James C. Pennie, . .	10
Arch. McIntyre, . . .	Wm. E. Bleecker, . . .	25	John T. Crew,	10
Edward Selkirk, . . .	Stephen W. Clark, . . .	25	G. M. Bleecker, . . .	10
P. V. Benthuyssen, . .	A. E. Brown,	25	Cash (A. W. J.), . . .	10
S. F. Phelps,	R. Bortel,	25	L. Bew,	10
A. J. Colvin,	Elizabeth J. Jenkinson (by W. W.)	25	J. H. Hays,	10
Wm. H. Topp,	Uri Burt,	25	Wm. A. Kiee,	10
Stephen Groesbeek, . . .	Giles Porter,	25	W. G. DeyErmand, .	10
D. L. Wing,	Wm. Wilson,	25	John G. White,	10
G. W. Stanton,	Joel Rathbone,	25	Ira Porter,	5
A. Gray & Son,	E. H. Pease & Co., . . .	25	Jacob Henry,	10
James Jenkinson, . . .	Anthony Gonld,	25	Cash (Ransom), . . .	10
David Orr,	James Taylor,	25	Justus F. Taylor, . .	10
R. H. Northrop, . . .	Thurloew Weed,	25	Richard Godley, . . .	10
John M. Bullock, . . .	N. S. Benton,	20	S. H. Johnson,	10
Jno. L. Crew,	G. W. Newell,	20	Edward Owens,	10
Edwin Croswell, . . .	J. C. Potts,	20	J. M. Newton,	10
A. Groesbeek,	Robert Dunlop,	20	Edwin C. Litchfield, .	10
James Stevenson, . . .	D. Humphrey,	20	W. A. Crehan,	10
E. Corning,	Wm. H. Ten Eyek, . . .	20	Wm. McElroy,	10
Samuel Stevens, . . .	Lansing Pruyn,	20	Edward Blakeman, . .	10
V. P. Douw,	Grace Anderson,	20	A. D. L. Whipple, . .	10
K. Attwood,	Wm. Fowler,	20	Wm. Hurst,	10
J. C. Spenceer,	R. Whitlock, \$21.15	10	John MeMiekin, . . .	10
G. Slack,	Sanford Cobb,	10	Charles Barber,	15
Hamilton Fish,	H. R. Phelps,	10	Josiah Gillespie, . . .	10
Jno. L. Schoolcraft, . .	Wm. Parmelee,	10	Wm. G. Thomas, . . .	10
Rev. Wm. I. Kipp, . . .	James Henry,	10	Truman S. Foote, . . .	10
J. L. Humphrey,	Thomas Schnyler, . . .	10	John McEvoy,	10
C. W. Bender,	J. H. Armsby,	10	R. S. Hendee,	10
V. Ten Eyek,	Mrs. Owins,	10	James O'Neil,	10
E. H. Bender,	E. R. Phelps,	10	Edmund Savage, . . .	10
W. H. Dewitt,	Wm. Kerr,	10	Andrew Kirk,	10
Jno. Wright,	Gilbert L. Wilson, . . .	10	Arch. Madden,	10
Jno. Stackpole,	Wm. Humphrey,	10	Crapo & Co.,	10
Wm. A. Corbiere, . . .	W. C. Little & Co., . .	10	Jagger, Treadwell, & Perry,	10
J. V. L. Pruyn,	Charles Coates,	20	Rob't H. Pruyn, . . .	10
Thos. W. Olcott, . . .	D. L. Lathrop,	10	J. D. Fisher,	5
Tweddle & Darlington, .	D. Morgan,	10	Cash (W. M.),	10
Griffin & Smith,	Wm. Woodhall,	10	Wm. Headlam,	10
W. A. Young,	Wm. Wendell,	10	J. O. Sayles,	10
Watts Sherman,	J. H. Mulford,	10	G. Davidson,	10
E. Skinner,	S. H. Hammond,	10	Jno. S. Daley,	10
Geo. Russell,	Abram Koonz,	10	Wm. Hunt,	10
W. W. Forsyth,	A. Quackenboss,	10	Charles S. Benton, . .	10
J. B. Plumb,	G. C. Fowler,	10	Cyrus Edson,	10
G. W. Stanton, Jr., . . .	J. D. Badgley,	10	Andrew White,	10
E. P. Prantiee,	Joseph Strain,	10	J. G. Curtis,	10
R. Boyd,	Benjamin Marsh,	10	Wm. Kerr, (2d sub.) . .	10
R. H. King,	J. V. Burin,	10	John Groesbeek, . . .	10
Arthur H. Root,	Thomas L. Greene, . . .	10	Cash,	10
H. G. Wheaton,	Smith Sheldon,	10	Geo. White,	5
	J. Keyes Paige,	10	E. Everson,	5
	Lemuel Steele,	10	James Denniston, . .	5
	G. R. Shortess,	10	Mrs. Johnson,	5
	D. H. Ford,	10		

Joel A. Wing,	\$5	Wm. McClelland, ..	\$3	J. A. Chapman,	\$3
Dr. P. V. Buren,	5	Lewis Rathbone, ..	5	Henry Mix,	3
J. Calverley,	\$2.50	Charles C. Miles, ..	5	H. R. Wheeler,	3
Geo. Wait,	5	R. W. Harvey,	5	Peter Colbern,	3
M. E. Viele,	5	J. M. Harvey,	5	Cash (Fryer),	2
Adam Todd,	5	Lewis Seymour, ...	5	G. H. Charles,	2
Aaron Hawley,	5	Henry Safford,	5	Cash (Rawls),	2
Jno. F. Steele,	5	John D. Kimmey, ..	5	D. S. Davis,	2
Sam'l N. Payn,	5	A. Ransom,	5	Geo. Patterson,	2
A. V. Allen,	5	Hugh Stevenson, ..	5	Cash (Thomas)	2
Henry Green,	5	Wm. Livingston, ..	5	Cash (Crawford), ..	2
David Fenner,	5	Cash (Hill),	5	Wm. Abell,	2
S. McCoy,	5	James Crawford, ...	5	C. P. Easton,	2
R. L. G. Baneroff, ..	5	Clement Warren, ..	5	A. A. Rankin,	2
Hiram Munsell,	5	J. H. Shear,	5	Cash (H. V. A.),	2
Wm. Mitchell,	5	Geo. Harris,	5	Veeder & Bates,	2
Dr. Van O'Linda, ..	5	R. Humphrey,	5	Mr. Richardson,	2
Mr. Shultz,	5	Humphrey Clark, ...	5	H. Diekson,	2
Cash (Burton),	5	S. F. Shepard,	5	G. V. S. Sanders, ..	2
Jno. R. Vernam,	5	Cash (Kennedy), ...	10	John H. Anderson, ..	1
James Schuyler,	10	David McCulloch, ..	5	Wm. Sweeney,	1
Luther Wheeler,	5	A. H. Green,	5	Cash,	1
J. G. Cottrell,	5	Samuel Moffit,	5	S. Easterly,	1
Wm. Frothingham, ..	5	H. H. Hiekoex,	5	R. M. V. Siekler, ...	1
D. Newland,	5	Wm. Janes,	5	D. J. Hewson,	1
Nelson Hasey,	5	Cash,	5	Mrs. Henry,	1
H. D. Hawkins,	5	J. V. Van Valken-		R. J. Patten,	1
Jacob Ten Eyek,	5	burgh,	5	F. A. Fargo,	1
H. J. Hastings,	5	H. B. Benjamin, ...	5	Cash,	1
John A. Siekles,	5	M. H. Bridge,	5	Cash,	1
J. H. Prentice,	5	C. W. Goddard,	5	Cash,	1
N. Hussey,	5	Mr. Fineh,	5	W. Carter,	1
H. W. Meade,	5	Chris'r Morgan, ...	5	Cash,	1

While the above subscriptions, amounting to \$11,746.15, were being procured, chiefly by the solicitation of the rector of the parish, the committee of which he was chairman, selected as a site for the proposed church edifice, a plot of ground on the west side of Broad street, between Lydius and Westerlo streets, and on the 29th of March, the Rev. Mr. Selkirk, as chairman of the committee for selecting a site, reported to the vestry that said lot in Broad street had been selected, and that it was owned by Messrs. A. McIntyre and Henry Yates, and valued at \$1,250 per 25 feet front, which report was accepted, and the committee continued, and also the subscription committee, and ordered to proceed with the business committed to them. And on the 22d of July, the committee to select a site reported to the vestry by their chairman, that they had selected three lots on the west side of Broad street, south of Lydius, said lots being 25 feet front by about 100 feet deep, valued at \$3,750, on condition of paying \$2,200 in cash, and the balance to be a subscription to the church, and the report was accepted.

Mr. P. Van Benthuyssen then resigned his place on the committee, which was accepted, and Mr. T. P. Waters was chosen by the vestry to fill his place. The vestry then empowered the committee to contract for said lots on the best terms they could, on behalf of the vestry, and were also authorized to sell the church edifice in Herkimer street. Agreeably to the foregoing instruction, the committee again reported to the vestry on the 23d of July, "That they had offered Messrs. Yates and McIntyre the sum of \$2,200 in cash, and \$700 in church property, consisting of pews in the church when built, for a plot of ground as before designated, to be 100 feet front and about 100 feet deep, and estimated at \$4,600. Of the amount, \$2,400 should be considered as a subscription to the church, \$700 of which amount they might receive back in pews, on the same condition as other subscribers, and the balance to be a gift, which terms were accepted by the owners of the land, which report was accepted; and on the 29th of July, the rector, as chairman of the committee, authorized to purchase said lots, reported to the vestry that the committee had entered into contract with Messrs. Yates and McIntyre, as before reported, which contract was ordered recorded upon the minutes, and the committee were, upon motion, discharged. It was then moved that a committee of five be appointed to take charge of the erection of the new church, when Messrs. S. F. Phelps, John Ten Eyck, Richard Parr, T. P. Waters and J. M. Bullock, were appointed such committee. On motion, the Rector and Mr. R. H. Northrop were added to said committee, and said committee was also chosen as a finance committee to take charge of the collection of all moneys, &c.

The committee thus appointed took the matter in charge, and during the remainder of the summer, took the necessary preparatory steps for carrying out the wishes of the congregation, expressed by the vestry. Their first step was to appoint a sub-committee, composed of the rector, Rev. Mr. Selkirk, Messrs. R. H. Northrop and T. P. Waters, to act in behalf of the committee, to select the style of architecture, employ an architect, and to receive proposals for building, &c., which duties they discharged during the fall and winter of 1847 and 1848. When, on March the 13th, 1848,

contracts, &c., having been entered into for the erection of the proposed church edifice, the rector, wardens and vestrymen, together with other members of the congregation, and friends, assembled on the site to commence the work of erecting a temple to the glory of God, and to invoke his gracious aid and protection. Being thus assembled, the rector, the Rev. Edward Selkirk, taking a pickaxe and shovel, said—"In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, I do now commence the work of erecting a church to be consecrated to the service and glory of Almighty God," when striking three blows into the earth with the pickaxe, and removing some of it with the shovel, the work was commenced. The wardens, Messrs. R. H. Northrop and S. F. Phelps, and the vestrymen, Messrs. Richard Parr, T. P. Waters and J. M. Bullock, and others taking the shovel removed each a portion of the earth.

The work being thus auspiciously begun, the mason, Henry Knight, proceeded forthwith, 1848, to prepare and lay the foundation, when, the 21st of April, 1848, the building committee, through their chairman, Mr. R. H. Northrop, presented to the vestry the following report, which was ordered to be recorded on the minutes:

To the Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen of Trinity Church, in the city of Albany:

The committee appointed by you to take charge of the erection of a new church edifice for our parish, respectfully report: That on the 2d day of August, 1847, your committee appointed Messrs. Northrop, Waters, and Selkirk a sub-committee to visit the new churches in New York city and vicinity, and empowered them to decide upon the style of architecture for the new church, and to employ an architect to draw up the plans and specifications. That the sub-committee, on the 3d day of August, 1837, went to New York, and after visiting and examining the new churches of that city and Brooklyn, decided upon the Gothic style, as the most preferable for our new building, and employed Mr. James Renwick, Jr., an architect of much skill and experience, to draw plans and specifications, and to superintend the erection of the building, for which they agreed to pay Mr. Renwick the sum of \$150, and his expenses, when required to come up to Albany to take charge of the building,

if required to come more than four times. Your committee think he will not have to come more than four or five times, as the plans and specifications are very full and plain.

Your committee have directed all moneys raised toward the building of the new church, to be paid into the Commercial Bank of Albany, to be drawn out on the checks of the treasurer, certified by the chairman of the building committee.

That the total amount of subscriptions for the new church and site, up to this time, including land, the value of our present church edifice, and Trinity Church donation, and the masons' subscription, is \$13,800, of which \$3,262.75 has been collected, including the land subscription.

That proposals from carpenters and masons in this city for building the new edifice having been invited by your committee, a number were sent in, the lowest of which for the mason work, was that of Mr. Henry Knight, who agreed to do the mason work, excavate the ground, and furnish all the materials except the cut stone, for the sum of \$4,700, and take \$1,000 of that amount in pews when the church is done, allowing the parish the first right of buying them back at the price paid by Mr. Knight.

Your committee accepted Mr. Knight's proposition, and have entered into a contract with him accordingly. The highest estimate for the mason work was \$5,900.

The estimates for the carpenter's work by the Albany mechanics were so far above what your committee were led to believe it would cost, that they invited proposals from New York city. The lowest proposals sent in by Albany mechanics, was \$6,800. Your committee received proposals from Messrs. John Johnston and Edward Garity, of New York, to do all the carpenter's work and painting, and furnish all the material, including all the glass but stained glass, for \$4,700, if the pews were made of pine, and \$4,800 if the pews, &c., were made of black walnut. The last proposal was accepted at \$4,800, and a contract entered into with these gentlemen to do the carpenter work, making the pews, &c., of black walnut.

Mr. Knight has commenced the mason work of the new church, has excavated the ground, and has the foundation nearly completed according to the architect's plan. The old

church has been advertised for sale, but no advantageous offers have as yet been made for it. The new building is to be completed by the first of November next.

Your committee at the last meeting deemed it advisable to appoint a time for laying the corner stone of the new church, and to have suitable arrangements made in season for having public religious exercises on the occasion, and have therefore appointed the 10th day of May next for the laying of such corner stone, &c., and have appointed the Rector, Wardens, and Vestry the committee of arrangements.

In conclusion, your committee would say they think the whole expense of erecting and entirely finishing the new church, will be \$15,000, from which amount the expense will not much vary, one way or the other. This will leave \$1,382 yet to be raised to free the parish from debt, when the work is done, if we realize the value of the old church.

The cut stone necessary for the building, which the mason is not required to furnish, will cost \$682, for which sum Mr. Wm. Gray has agreed with your committee to furnish the same. The stained glass is all that remains to be provided to complete the church, and that can be obtained for \$250. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Dated Albany, April 19, 1848.

JOHN M. BULLOCK,	} Committee.
R. H. NORTHROP,	
JOHN TEN EYCK,	
RICHARD PARR,	
EDWARD SELKIRK,	

Thus it will be seen how much had been done for the erection of the new church up to the close of the ecclesiastical year in 1848.

On Easter Tuesday, April 25, 1848, the day for the annual election of officers, Messrs. R. H. Northrop, and Granville Slack were elected wardens; and Messrs. T. P. Waters, T. D. James, R. Parr, P. Van Beuthuysen, John Ten Eyck, John M. Bullock, John Wright, and S. F. Phelps, vestrymen; and at a meeting of the vestry on the 27th of April, 1848, Messrs. S. F. Phelps, T. P. Waters, R. H. Northrop, T. D. James, Granville Slack, John Ten

Eyck, and the rector of the parish, were appointed a building committee, to act in behalf of the vestry, in carrying forward the erection of the edifice already in process of building.

On Wednesday, the 10th day of May, 1848, being the day recommended by the former building committee for the service of laying the corner stone, it was found that proper arrangements had not been completed, and hence it was postponed, and at a meeting of the board of vestry, on the 15th inst., it was proposed that the services should be held on Thursday, the 18th day of May, 1848. That the secretary of the board send written invitations to the Episcopal clergymen of the city and vicinity, and put notices in the city papers inviting the public to attend; which, having been done, a congregation assembled at the church, corner of Herkimer and Franklin streets, on the 18th day of May, at 3 o'clock, P. M. There were present of the clergy, the rector, Rev. Edward Selkirk, the Revs. Dr. Horatio Potter, Dr. Wm. I. Kipp, and the Rev. Mr. Spooner of Albany, the Rev. Mr. Van Rensselaer of Mt. Morris, the Rev. R. B. Fairbairn of Troy, and the Rev. G. Jones of Savannah, Georgia. The evening prayer was said by the Rev. Dr. Kip, rector of St. Paul's Church, Albany, and the Rev. Mr. Spooner, of Grace Church, Albany, read the lessons. Services being ended, all the clergy present, robed in their surplices, formed in procession, preceded by the wardens and vestrymen of the parish, and of the other parishes, and followed by the parishioners and citizens, walked to the site, where the procession, opening to the right and left, the clergy passed through and ascended a platform upon the foundation walls, reading responsively the 122d Psalm. And approaching the north-east corner of the foundation, other services were conducted by the rector, agreeably to the forms for such service, set forth by the bishop of the diocese in the year 1836. The corner-stone was laid in the buttress at the north-east corner of the church, by the rector, the Rev. Edward Selkirk, in which was placed a leaden box containing a copy of the Holy Bible, a Book of Common Prayer, Journals of the last General and Diocesan Conventions, a historical sketch of Trinity Church in the city of Albany, a copy of the last

Albany Directory, a map of the city, and the newspapers' of the city, of the latest dates. The choir then chanted the appointed selections from various of the Psalms of David, to the great delight of the audience. The Rev. Dr. Potter, rector of St. Peter's Church, Albany, said the prayer which followed, when the following address was pronounced by the rector of the parish, and the services concluded by the Rev. Dr. Potter offering the closing prayers, and pronouncing the benediction.

ADDRESS.

"Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it!"

Such is the language of the inspired Psalmist. In it, we recognize a principle that pervades the universe. It is that of man's nothingness and God's all-sufficiency; that in Him we live and move, and have our being; and that without His aid and approval, we can do nothing effectually; and with it, we can do all things.

This same principle is most manifest in the declaration, that Hezekiah of old, "in every work that he began in the service of the house of God, and in the Law, and in the Commandments, to seek his God, he did it with all his heart," in humble reliance on God, and prospered.

So, too, in the history of all God's dealings with the children of men, we find it indelibly written on every page, "That man is but weakness and that God is all-sufficient:" "That power belongeth unto God;" and that man is but the instrument with which He executeth his power, as seemeth to Him good.

Let us, therefore, look back for a moment and learn how, by His own power, God hath enabled man in his weakness, to advance His glory, by the erection of Temples made with hands, in which to worship and adore Him.

In the hands of God, Moses was used as an efficient instrument in the erection of the first Tabernacle, called the "Tabernacle of the Congregation," as a place of religious worship.

The second Tabernacle, Moses built, in all its parts, by God's express command; partly, as his residence as King of Israel, and partly, to be the medium of that solemn worship which the people were to render to God Himself.

The third public Tabernacle was that which David erected in his own city, for the reception of the Ark when he received it from the house of Obed-edom.

The fourth, and that which surpassed by far, in extent, in grandeur, in magnificence and costliness, all the others, was the Temple at Jerusalem, designed by the same Divine Architect and built by man as His instrument.

To David, God committed the work of providing the material for so vast a structure, and to his son Solomon, the work of executing His design.

But how were the means provided, for carrying on and perfecting these vast and costly structures ?

As to the second Tabernacle, which Moses built after the pattern which God gave him, we are told, "That Moses called the people together and informed them of the instructions which he had received from God, and offered them an *opportunity* of contributing of their substance, toward so noble a work. And so *liberally* did the people *bring* their offerings for carrying forward this work, that Moses was *obliged* to *restrain* them in so doing ;" although the structure to be built was of extraordinary magnificence and at a prodigious expense, suitable to the dignity of the Great King, for whose palace it was designed, and to the value of those spiritual and eternal blessings, of which it was also designed as a type or emblem.

Now, in all of this work, who can fail of perceiving an evident display of Divine power, in causing the weakness of man to praise Him ?

So, too, in carrying forward the far greater work of building the Temple at Jerusalem, man was but the *instrument*, and God the never failing source of ability and power to perform the same.

It is often so wisely ordered, that when man's ability seems the least, he is enabled by God to perform the more, that all may see that it is not by the wisdom or the might of man alone, that the work he has in hand is to be accomplished. For when God had suffered the first Temple to be destroyed and His chosen people to be scattered abroad ; to make His power the more manifest, a few of His people, with but little ability, He caused to return, and commence the work of rebuilding their Temple. When, after a year's pre-

paration, in the second month of the second year, they assembled to lay the foundation of their proposed Temple, which was done with great solemnity; Zerubbabel, the governor, and Joshua, the high priest, being present, with all the congregation, the trumpeters blew their trumpets, and musicians sounded their instruments, and singers sung, all in praise to the Lord, their God; and all the rest of the people shouted for joy, while the first stones were laid; but those who had seen the glory of the first Temple, had no expectation that *that* which was then begun by a few poor exiles, lately returned to their country, could ever equal that which had all the riches of David and Solomon expended in its erection and adornment; for they looked not to the power of God, who spake to Zerubbabel by the mouth of Haggai, his prophet, saying: "The silver is mine and the gold is mine. The glory of the latter house shall be greater than that of the former; and in this place will I give peace, saith the Lord of Hosts."

Now, my brethren, in the work before us, we have, from the first, recognized and acted upon this same divine principle. The nothingness of man, save only as he receives assistance from God, and God's all-sufficiency; and hence, ability to do what he wills, making man, though weak in himself, yet strong to accomplish what seemeth to Him good.

Relying, therefore, on God for ability to act; relying on God to bless our efforts; relying on God to act upon the hearts of men by the influence of His Holy Spirit, to incline them to give of their substance according as He gave them ability, for the erection of a Temple to be consecrated to His service; we took the preparatory steps, necessary to accomplish the work before us, which is now fairly begun.

Our dependence upon God for aid to carry on the work, hath not been in vain. He who hath said, "Ask, and ye shall receive," hath not in this instance failed to fulfill His promise. He hath influenced and made generous the hearts, and bountiful the hands of many, to give of that which they have received at His hand, for the erection of this Temple here begun; and we doubt not, that other hearts are willing and other hands are ready, to bestow with cheerfulness, yea, with thankfulness, all that may yet be required to complete

the work, in a manner worthy to be given up and consecrated to His service, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift. And to His name, be all the honor and glory ascribed.

Most, if not all of you, my Brethren, who are here to-day, know in what apparent weakness this work was commenced ; and how that many an honest heart (like the good old Israelites, when they saw a few poor exiles return to their country and commence the erection of the second Temple), doubted as to the ability to perform the work proposed ; while others were confident that they heard a voice saying, " The silver is mine and the gold is mine ; the glory of the latter house shall be greater than of the former ; and in this place will I give peace, saith the Lord of Hosts."

Now, my Brethren, whence come the present ability and strength to go forward in this work ? I answer : From Him who never faileth to fulfill all that He promiseth to the children of men, which fulfilment hath been accomplished mostly by individual offerings ; for which, I trust, God, of His bounteous goodness, will restore four-fold into their bosoms ; from Him, who, although He giveth, yet is not impoverished, and although He withholdeth, yet is not enriched.

Blessed by God in our efforts, when the preparatory steps necessary for carrying forward the work were successfully taken, in reliance upon God's all-sufficiency, to enable us to carry forward the work to its completion ; sensible of our own inability to do any thing effectually, without His aid, and desirous of manifesting our trust and faith in God's promises, by our acts ; we came up here : and, in the name of the *Father*, the *Son* and the *Holy Ghost*, we commenced this work.

Thanks be to Him who sitteth upon a throne high and lifted up, that He hath still vouchsafed to bless our efforts ! and hath now permitted us, with joyful and thankful hearts, to assemble here this day to offer unto Him our prayers and praises ; to implore His blessing upon our every work ; to prosper the work of our hands, to the advancement of His own glory. That He hath permitted us to lay the chief *corner-stone* of our proposed superstructure, in which we have deposited a copy of His revealed will to man ; which, to all Christians, is the chief *corner-stone*, on which they build their hopes of happiness and Heaven.

We have also placed therein a Book of Common Prayer, which will reveal, perchance, to generations yet unborn, what their forefathers held to be a faithful interpretation and embodiment of the doctrines to be believed, and precepts to be obeyed, as revealed to man in God's Holy Word. Also, in what form of sound words, they confessed their sins to Almighty God, professed their faith in Him and offered unto Him their daily prayers, praises and heartfelt thanksgivings.

The other deposits are faithful records of the Church's legislation, her Constitution and Canons, and a list of the names of all those who, in these United States, now minister at her altars; a history of our own parish, which recounts the difficulties through which we have passed, up to the present; the papers of the day, the faithful records of each event which marks the rapidity of Time's onward flight; and a City Directory, pointing out the abode and occupation of those who, at this time, are called to act their part, in this city, in the great drama of life.

But again. I have spoken to you who are here to-day, of the principle, recognized in a declaration of the inspired Psalmist, which pervades the universe; namely, that of "man's nothingness and God's all-sufficiency."

I have endeavored to fix in your minds the truth, that, in obedience to this principle, the weakness of man is made subservient to the glory of God. I have attempted to develop this truth, from the records of God's dealings with the children of men. I have laid it down as the principle, recognized and acted upon, up to this time, in carrying forward the work of erecting on this spot a Temple, to the glory, praise and worship of Almighty God, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Permit me, now, to lift for a moment, the veil which conceals from our view the future and behold the result of our united labor, conducted on this divine principle. For, as I gaze into the future with my eye of faith undimmed by my experience in the promises of God, methinks I see rising upon the *corner-stone*, this day laid in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, a superstructure, fair in its proportions; simple in its construction; beautiful in its simplicity of adornment; chaste in all its expressions of sentiment and feeling; solemn, from the sacred awe and reverence with which it affects the heart and tunes the soul to high

and holy meditation, to earnest prayer and to self-consecration to the service of Almighty God ; and hence, worthy to be consecrated to His service ; well suited and fitted, as a place in which man may love to dwell ; because there, he feels himself in the more immediate presence of God : a place too, where God shall be ever pleased to make His abode with man.

The work is now complete ; and within those sacred courts, I seem to see many a devout worshiper, on lowly knee. I hear the fervent prayer, the song of praise, in lofty notes ascending ; while around the holy altar, are winged hosts attending, to bear away to Heaven the broken heart's deep yearnings for peace and rest above.

There, to the sacred font, the mother brings her offspring dear, and to God presents him, a votive offering, clothed in garments white, emblems of purity ; while on his brow, is placed, in token of the faith in Christ once crucified, the symbol of the cross, with prayer, that, in after life, he may prove a faithful soldier under the captain of his salvation.

There, too, beside the holy altar, stands the minister, by God's appointment, and breaks the bread of life ; and many a famishing soul draws near and eats and lives forever !

There, too, the Holy Ghost descending, as of old, in flames of fire, each heart is cleansed and purified and sanctified, and clothed in new attire : when back again to heaven, the message swift is borne and the Recording Angel writes down the ransom of a soul that never dies. While all the hosts of heaven begin anew that song, which, when men and angels form but one vast throng, shall fill the courts of Heaven and wake the eternal morn.

If such, dear brethren, is in truth but a faint picture of what the future reveals as the result of our labors and our sufferings, directed in accordance with the divine principle which we have attempted to set forth, as that which guides our efforts in the work we have in hand ; who, I ask, may not well rejoice that they are counted worthy to be reckoned instruments in the hands of an all-wise and all-sufficient God, in accomplishing his blessed designs — in building Temples, with in whose sacred courts there shall be offered, from age to age, upon the altar of man's heart, sacrifices acceptable to God ?

The work thus auspiciously commenced, was not to be completed without some perplexities and hindrances; Mr. Knight, the mason, having failed to construct the window jambs agreeably to the plans, and refusing to alter the same, the architect, Mr. Renwick, served a notice upon the wardens and vestrymen to that effect, and declared the contract abandoned and forfeited by Mr. Knight in consequence thereof, which notice was served upon Mr. Knight. This proceeding necessarily caused delay in the work, and on the 27th of July, 1848, in vestry meeting, the building committee were directed by the vestry to "go on and obtain proposals for completing the mason work of the new church," and the chairman of the building committee was also directed by the vestry, to "forbid Mr. Knight from interfering any further with the mason work."

After much delay, it was announced to the board of vestry, on the 17th of August, 1848, by Mr. Northrop, a member of the board, that he had had several interviews with Mr. Knight, the mason. That Mr. Knight had been to New York to see the architect, Mr. Renwick, who had consented that if Mr. Knight would make the required alterations, and enter into a new contract to complete the work, he would agree thereto, and that Mr. Knight was ready to comply with the requirements of the architect. Mr. Northrop then moved "That the rector have and he hereby has authority to execute a new contract with Henry Knight, mason, to complete the mason work of Trinity Church according to the plans and specifications of Mr. Renwick, the architect, upon the following terms." The terms were, that certain alterations should be made, and certain remaining work to be done for the sum of \$3,800, equal to the balance which would have been his due under the former contract. Such new contract was accordingly entered into, and the work once more put in progress. Scarcely, however, had the work been begun, when in the mysterious providence of God, some thirty acres of the south-eastern portion of the city (which was densely built), was by one vast conflagration left in a few hours one mass of smouldering ruins. This event, so unexpected, necessarily embarrassed all financial operations in the city.

The building committee of Trinity Church being dependent on the collection of many small subscriptions made by individual citizens, to meet the contracts they had entered into, at first were led to fear that they would be compelled to abandon the work in hand, at least for the time being. They were encouraged by their rector patiently to pursue the work, and wait the direction of an overruling Providence that doeth all things well. By the consent of the board of vestry, their rector, without delay went to New York city and laid the condition of his parish, and the work they had in hand, before the Rector, Wardens, and Vestry of Trinity Church, in that city, asking them to afford the necessary relief, by adding \$1,500 to the sum of \$3,500, which they had previously pledged in aid of the work in hand, when the parish should have done in good faith a specified amount, towards the erection of their church edifice. That board readily perceiving the inability of the congregation to proceed further in their work without not only prompt, but increased aid, with their accustomed generosity, responded promptly and nobly to the appeal, and at once pledged to the parish of Trinity Church, Albany, the munificent sum of \$5,000, payable at their pleasure, with a grant of \$350 a year as the interest upon said \$5,000, until such time as they should see fit to pay the same, which should be after the expiration of ten years. A bond from Trinity Church, New York, to the above effect, backed up by a mortgage on the lot and church then in process of building, enabled the building committee to realize the sum of \$5,000, which enabled them to carry forward the work they had in hand. Shortly after, the church edifice then occupied by the congregation, which had not been consecrated, was sold to a corporate body, by the name of the Mutual Benefit Association of the city of Albany, for the sum of \$800, including most of the fixtures, except the organ, which was removed to the new church. Consequently, the last service held by the congregation of Trinity Church in their edifice, corner of Herkimer and Franklin streets, was on the feast of Christmas, 1848.

Owing to the delay in the mason work of the new building, already mentioned, the work was not completed at the time appointed, and winter setting in before it was com-

pleted, it was at length agreed to abandon the work until the following spring, as the building was in such a state that it could be occupied for service. Consequently, the ladies of the congregation, ever ready and active in good works, at this time lent a helping hand and held a fair from which they realized nearly three hundred dollars, with which to purchase carpets, which being put down, and the church made comfortable, the doors were opened on the morning of the 21st day of January, 1849, it being the third Sunday after Epiphany, for divine worship.

Being provided with a permanent place of worship, the congregation as it were, became fairly established, although the church was not yet fully completed, yet they continued to worship in it until the following April, when services were suspended, and the mason, Mr. Knight, set about completing his part of the contract, which was done, and formally accepted by the architect, in June, following, when the services were resumed. The carpenter's work was also finished and accepted at the same time, when both the contractors were paid in full on their contracts; the carpenter on the 14th of June, 1851, and the mason on the 21st of the same month.

To meet these last payments, and to free the *corporation* from all liability on account of the contracts for the erection of the church, Messrs. Wm. H. Williams, L. L. Derby, R. H. Northrop and John Wright, gave their note as individuals, which was endorsed by Robert Whitlock and others, for the sum of \$1,200, upon which the money was obtained of Marcus T. Reynolds, and paid into the treasury of the church, which together with various amounts previously subscribed and then due, was deemed amply sufficient to pay all the indebtedness incurred by the building committee for the erection of the new church edifice.

The *corporation* being thus freed from debt for the erection of their church, the right Rev. Bishop Whittingham, Bishop of the Diocese of Maryland, then, performing episcopal duties in the diocese of New York, by request of the standing committee of the diocese of New York, was invited to act as consecrator of the church to the service of Almighty God.

Accordingly, due notice having been gived, Bishop Whittingham arrived in town on the 9th day of Sept., 1849, and on the following day, it being the day appointed for the service of consecration, met with the clergy of the city and vicinity, at the house of Mr. Albert Gallup, No. 84 Westerlo street, where after robing, the bishop and clergy proceeded to the church, where a large audience had assembled to engage in the usual service of morning prayer, and of consecration. When the bishop and several of the clergy in attendance had entered the chancel, the bishop, sitting in his chair, received from Richard H. Northrop, Esq., then senior warden of the congregation, the following deed of donation :

“ We, the rector, church wardens and vestrymen of Trinity Church in the city of Albany, having by the good providence of Almighty God, erected on the west side of Broad street, between Lydius and Westerlo streets, in said city, a house of public worship do hereby appropriate and devote the same to the worship and service of Almighty God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, according to the provisions of that branch of the church of Christ known as the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, in its ministry, doctrines, liturgy, rites and usages, and by a congregation in communion with the said church, and in union with the convention thereof in the diocese of New York.

“ And we do also request the Right Reverend William Rolinson Whittingham, Bishop of Maryland, now administering the episcopal functions in the diocese of New York, at the request of the standing committee of the said diocese, to receive the said building in behalf of the Bishop of the Diocese of New York, under the spiritual jurisdiction of the said Bishop, and that of his successors in office, and to consecrate the same by the name of *Trinity Church*, and thereby to separate it from all unhallowed, worldly, common uses, and solemnly dedicate it to the holy purposes above mentioned.

“ And we do, moreover, hereby relinquish all claim to any right of disposing of the said building, or allowing the use of it in any way inconsistent with the terms and true meaning of this instrument of donation, and with the consecration hereby requested.

"In testimony whereof, we, the said rector, church wardens and vestrymen, have caused this instrument of donation to be prepared, and have attached unto the same our corporate seal, and signed the same, attested also by our respective signatures and seals, this *tenth* day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine."

EDWARD SELKIRK,
Rector. [L. s.]

R. H. NORTHROP,
JOHN WRIGHT,
Wardens. [L. s.]

T. P. WATERS,
JAMES T. FOSTER,

JOHN CLEMESHIRE,
KELLY ATTWOOD,
JAMES JENKINSON,
L. L. DERBY,
WM. H. WILLIAMS,
DR. W. B. STANTON,
Vestrymen. [L. s.]

[CHURCH SEAL.]

The above deed having been received by the bishop, he then proceeded to say the prayers set apart for such service, which being said, the following sentence of consecration was read by the Rev. R. B. Van Kleeck, rector of St. Paul's Church, Troy, by appointment of the bishop :

"In the name of the holy blessed and undivided trinity, God the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, amen. Whereas, the rector, church wardens and vestrymen of Trinity Church in the city of Albany, have by an instrument this day presented to me, appropriated and devoted a house of public worship erected by them on the west side of Broad street, between Lydius and Westerlo streets in the said city of Albany, to the worship and service of Almighty God, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, according to the provisions of the Catholic Church of Christ, known as the Protestant Episcopal Church in these United States of America, in its ministry, doctrines, liturgy, rites and usages, and by a congregation in communion with said church, and in union with the convention thereof in the diocese of New York.

"And whereas, the same rector, church wardens and vestrymen, have, by the same instrument, requested me to receive the said building in behalf of the said Bishop of the Diocese of New York, under the spiritual jurisdiction of the said bishop, and that of his successors in office, and to consecrate the same by the name of *Trinity Church*, and thereby

separate it from all unhallowed, worldly and common uses, and solemnly dedicate it to the holy purposes above mentioned.

“ Now, therefore, know all men by these presents, that I, William Rolinson Whittingham, Bishop of Maryland, and now administering episcopal functions in the diocese of New York at the request of the standing committee of the said diocese, acting under the protection of Almighty God, and in His faith and fear, have, on this tenth day of September, being the Monday after the fourteenth Sunday after trinity, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine, in behalf of the Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of New York, and of his successors in office, accepted and do accept the above mentioned house of worship, and take the same under the spiritual jurisdiction of the Bishop of New York aforesaid, and that of his successors in office, and in presence of divers of the clergy, and a public congregation therein assembled, and according to the godly usage of the Catholic Church of Christ, and the form prescribed by the Protestant Episcopal Church in these United States of America, have consecrated the same by the name of Trinity Church.

“ And I do thereby pronounce and declare that the said Trinity Church, in the city of Albany, is consecrated accordingly, and thereby separated henceforth from all unhallowed, worldly and common uses, and dedicated to the worship and services of Almighty God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, for reading and preaching His holy word, for celebrating His holy sacraments, for offering to His glorious majesty the sacrifice of prayer, praise and thanksgiving, for blessing His people in His name, and for the performance of all other holy offices. and the administration of all holy ordinances, agreeable to His will made known in the terms of the covenant of grace, and of salvation in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, according to the usages of His Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church, and the provisions of the Protestant Episcopal Church in these United States of America, in its ministry, doctrines, liturgy, rites and usages.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto affixed my episcopal seal and signature, in the day and year above written, and in the ninth year of my consecration."

[^{Episcopal}
Seal.]. WILLIAM ROLINSON WHITTINGHAM,
Bishop of Maryland, administering episcopal functions in the Diocese of New York, at the request of the standing committee.

Thus was the church edifice consecrated to the worship and service of Almighty God, the Father, Son and the Holy Ghost, and the congregation of Trinity Church (the third congregation organized in the city of Albany agreeably to the usages and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America) in possession of a permanent church edifice, set apart for religious worship and service, at the expiration of ten years and five days from incorporation. And after five years and nine months from the acceptance of the rectorship by the Rev Edward Selkirk the number of parishioners having increased to about three hundred souls and from 60 to 70 communicants.

1849. The church edifice having been erected, and thus solemnly consecrated to God's service Sept. 10, 1849, at an expenditure in land and for the erection and furnishing of the edifice — of \$15,594, as reported by the building committee Dec. 19, 1849, there commenced as it were a new period in the history of the parish.

Although the parish, as a corporation, had been freed from indebtedness for the church property, still individual members of the parish, had assumed an indebtedness of twelve hundred dollars (\$1,200), to be provided for in the future, which sum, together with other expenditures to the amount of six hundred and fifty-eight dollars, was finally liquidated, by the sale of pews in the church, Sept., 1850, subject to a stipulated ground rent, payable quarterly, thus making the entire cost of the property to this date to aggregate seventeen thousand four hundred and fifty-two $\frac{97}{100}$ (\$17,452.97) dollars, as recorded in book of subscriptions, sales of pews, &c. Although so much had been accomplished, there was yet more to be done, and unlooked for difficulties were soon to be encountered.

During the summer of 1849, the furnace having been reset in the middle of the church, the work proved to have been done in such a manner, that on the 11th of November following, only two months after the consecration, and shortly after the close of evening service, the building was discovered to be on fire. The alarm was soon given, but before the fire could be extinguished, it had consumed a portion of the floor and carpets, and some five or six pews. Fortunately, the building was insured for \$5,000, by the Albany Insurance Company. The facts relative to the fire were reported to the Vestry at a meeting on the 12th instant, by the Rector, and the report was referred to the building committee, who reported on the 19th as follows:

"Your committee would report, that the Albany Insurance Company, with whom our new church edifice was insured, at the time of the fire on Sunday evening the 11th instant, commenced work immediately after the subject was referred to your committee, and are now restoring the church edifice to its former condition, doing all your committee believe, that they are under obligation to do, faithfully and fairly.

"Signed, Richard H. Northrop, T. P. Waters, James Jenkinson, John Wright, Edward Selkirk."

This unlooked for calamity, although the actual loss in dollars and cents was made good by the insurance company, nevertheless tended to discourage the people, and retard the work, of building up the parish, carrying us forward until after Christmas, before we could resume service. In the meantime, whilst the rector and vestry were laboring faithfully to carry forward and perfect the work of gathering in the subscriptions, and paying all claims for the work done, there sprung up a spirit of disloyalty on the part of others connected with the parish, which for a long time hindered and embarrassed the faithful, and praiseworthy efforts of those disposed to labor for building up the church of God.

Still, the work went gradually on. As there was no provision for lighting the church, and as it was deemed desirable to have a night service, a committee of the vestry was appointed to take the subject into consideration and report,

and on the 23d of April, 1850, Mr. John Wright, chairman of the committee, reported to the vestry, that the Albany Gas Light Company had offered to lay the pipes through the street, and that the gas-fitter, Mr. William Munsig, would put the gas-pipes and fixtures in the church for the sum of \$160, whereupon Mr. John Kirkpatrick moved that a committee be appointed to raise by subscription the required amount, and such committee was appointed, consisting of Messrs. John Wright, John Ingmire and John Kirkpatrick, who no doubt performed the duty assigned them, although the names of the subscribers have not been preserved. But soon after we find a record that gas-fixtures were put into the church and an evening service commenced, with a goodly attendance of worshippers.

Up to this date, after occupying the new church, there was no provision for gathering the children together for Sunday School instruction. Therefore, the next important thing to be done, was to make such provision by finishing off a basement room under the church. To accomplish this a subscription was started, and the following are the names of the subscribers, and the amounts subscribed :

Messrs. Tyler and Bullock (lumber),.....	\$5.00
Mrs. Grace Anderson,.....	2.00
Mr. Van Benthuyssen,.....	1.00
Rev. E. Selkirk,.....	1.87
Mr. Morgan,.....	.50

\$10.37

When this amount had been subscribed, it was proposed to ask for a collection in the church, which was done, and the amount of \$49.05 was received, making an amount equal to the price of the lumber used, and Mr. William Moore, a parishioner, did the work gratuitously, and although the room was only floored, and provided with temporary seats, still the children were gathered in and the work of Sunday school instruction commenced, hoping that in the future means would be provided for finishing the work.

With the small income of the parish, and the necessary increase of expenditures, it was found early in the year 1851 that the parish had become embarrassed by constantly increasing indebtedness, and it was deemed expedient to make

an effort by a general subscription to liquidate the same. Although the sum required was in reality small, still as the people belonging to the parish were all poor people, it was to them really large, and besides the indebtedness had been accumulating from the fact. That persons belonging to the parish, had for some time designedly withheld their just dues, and otherwise sought to embarrass the work of building up the congregation. But God's ways are not as man's ways, as was finally made manifest in this case. For soon the following form of subscription was drawn up, and circulated with the following result:

The undersigned, members of the parish of Trinity Church, desirous to do all in their power to sustain their parish, do hereby promise to pay for that purpose the sums set opposite their respective names, and would earnestly ask their fellow citizens to aid them in their work; when being relieved from their present unlooked for embarrassment they will hereafter be enabled to sustain themselves.

Albany, 1851.

John Groesbeck, \$20.00	S. Groesbeck,.. 5.00	H. B. Benjamin,.. 3.00
Franklin Town- send, 10.00	John Anderson,.. 5.00	Grace Anderson,.. 2.00
John Wright,.... 10.00	Edward Owins,.. 5.00	Cash (Johnson),.. 2.00
David W. Wood- hall, 10.00	C. S. Benton,..... 5.00	H. Harris,..... 2.00
Abner H. Hig- ham, 10.00	C. C. Clark, 5.00	H. C. V. Vorst,.. 2.00
Wm. E. Bleeker, . 10.00	C. W. Bently,..... 5.00	J. McKercher, ... 2.00
John Kirkpatrick, 5.00	W. J. Hadley,..... 5.00	Geo. Cummings,.. 1.00
Frederick Ingmire 5.00	S. Crosswell,..... 5.00	J. McElroy,..... 50
John H. Ingmire, 5.00	T. Carson,..... 5.00	R. Atkinson,..... 50
F. R. Anderson.. 5.00	Theodore Town- send, 5.00	Mr. Davis, 50
Wm. Wrightson, 5 00	Eli Perry,..... 5.00	Mr. Kennedy,.... 25
	Mrs. Jenkinson... 5.00	Mr. Patterson,.. 75
	E. E. Kendrick,.. 5.00	
		\$166.50

Being thus relieved and encouraged by the receipt of the above subscriptions, and by the removal from the parish of those who sought to hinder and embarrass the work, those who remained set forward with united zeal to do the work committed to them.

Nothing worthy of note occurred beyond the ordinary work of building upon the foundation already laid, with such material, and such means as could be gathered, until the 18th of March, 1853, when the church and pew committee reported as follows:

“That the pews belonging to Bullock and Bender and Wm. A. Corbier, being in arrears over six months for rent, be declared forfeited, according to the terms of their deeds,” when on motion the report was received, and it being moved by F. Ingmire, and seconded by John Kirkpatrick, it was resolved by a vote of *seven to one* that pew No 54 belonging to J. M. Bullock and A. H. Bender, and pew No 87 belonging to Wm. A. Corbier being in arrears for rent——blank amount, and thereby being subject to forfeiture under the fourth section of their deeds, the said pews were declared forfeited, and all right and title and interest of the said parties, in and to the said pews, forfeited, ceased and determined.

After this action of the board of vestry relative to the forfeiture of pews for non-payment of rent, nothing seems to have occurred affecting the history of the parish beyond the ordinary parish work for the next two years—when it was found, that there were several other pews in the church, which had been leased to individuals, who had failed to pay, for some time, the stipulated rent, whilst the pews remained nominally under their control, leaving the parish without an income to carry on the work. Under these circumstances, such being the condition, it was deemed just to take legal possession of all such pews, that they might be rented to occupants, who would thereby aid in carrying forward the parish work. Hence, at a meeting of the vestry on the 29th of March, 1855, Mr. Agur Wells, then a warden of the parish, offered the following preamble and resolutions, to wit: “Whereas the corporation, known under the name and title of ‘The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen of Trinity Church, in the city of Albany,’ did sell, grant and convey, by indenture, to Wm. A. Corbier, a certain pew in their church edifice in Broad street in said city, numbered thirty-seven, and did also sell and convey in like manner, to Wm. H. Topp, a pew numbered twenty-nine and to John M. Bullock and E. H. Bender, a pew numbered fifty-four and to Wm. H. Williams a pew numbered fifty-two, and to John Wright a pew designated by the letter ‘A,’ and to Wm. Brown a pew numbered forty-two, and to George Moore a pew numbered forty-eight, and to Henry Finch a pew numbered thirty-six, and to Levi L. Dirby a pew numbered thirty-eight,

and to Richard Smith, a pew numbered forty-three, and to Tremire and Wands, a pew numbered seventy; and whereas the above named pews were conveyed to the said individuals, by the party of the first part, subject to the payment by the parties of the second part, to the parties of the first part, of a stipulated annual rent, in quarterly installments. And whereas it is declared in the said instrument of conveyance — That if any annual rent, or increased annual rent shall not be paid to the party of the first part, in the installments, and at the times respectively when the same are (herein) declared to be — and to become due and payable, the said party of the first part, may by a vote of the vestry thereof, to be entered in their minutes, at any time after the expiration of six calendar months, from and after the time, when the said sums and installments so become due and payable — *declare the right, title and interest* of the party or parties of the second part, and of all persons claiming from the said party or parties, of, in and to the said pew, or pews, *forfeited*, and all right, title and interest, of the party or parties of the second part — and of all persons claiming from the said party or parties in or to the said pew or pews, shall thereupon *cease and determine*.

“And whereas, the rents on the above named pews, have not been paid to the parties of the first part, according to the terms and conditions of the said conveyance of said pews respectively, but have become, and remained due and unpaid for more than six calendar months, and are still unpaid, therefore,

“*Resolved*, 1. That we hereby declare the right, title and interest of the said parties of the second part in the said conveyance, and of all persons claiming from the said parties, in and to the said pews, *forfeited*; also,

“*Resolved*, 2d. That Messrs. — be, and they are hereby appointed a committee of the vestry, with full power to enter upon and take possession of said pews, and cause them to be sold, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the instruments of conveyance, and report their proceedings to this board.”

Whereupon Mr. John Clemishire moved the adoption of the preamble and first resolution, Mr. Wm. Godson seconded the motion, which was put and carried unanimously. Mr.

Godson moved, that the blank in the second resolution be filled by inserting the names of Messrs. Agur Wells and John Clemishire. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously. When Mr. William Headlam moved the adoption of the second resolution, as amended by the insertion of the names of Messrs. Wells and Clemishire as the committee, Mr. Henry Lathrop seconded the motion, which was likewise carried unanimously, and the board adjourned.

The committee thus appointed, at a subsequent meeting, May 3d, 1855, of the vestry, reported to the board: That the committee had given notice of the sale of the pews, which had been declared forfeited for the non-payment of rent; on the 10th instant, and had also sent notices, as far as possible, to the original purchasers.

The report was accepted, and Messrs. Wells and Clemishire were appointed a church and finance committee, to whom was entrusted the business of causing the pews thus advertised to be sold accordingly. This committee reported to a meeting of the vestry held Sept. 24th, 1855, as follows: "To the Rector, Wardens & Vestrymen of Trinity Church. Gentlemen: The church and finance committee, to whom you intrusted the business of selling, and conveying certain pews in Trinity Church, which had been declared forfeited for non-payment of rent, respectfully report: That they caused said pews to be sold, after giving legal notice, on Monday the fourth day of June last, at 10 o'clock A. M. That the purchaser was the Rev. Edward Selkirk, for the sum of six hundred and fifty-four $\frac{44}{100}$ dollars, (\$654 $\frac{44}{100}$.) which was less than the rents then due on said pews, and they have caused the said pews to be conveyed to the said purchaser, by the usual form of lease, or indenture. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed. AGUR WELLS, } Committee.
 JOHN CLEMISHIRE, }

The pews thus sold were at once placed by the purchaser under the control of the vestry to rent the same as other pews. Thus having the use of all the principal pews in the church the people set forward in earnest in the work entrusted to them. And besides their regular rents, &c., a

subscription was started to pay for coal, and other necessities which amounted, according to the treasurer's book, to the sum of \$120.50. But who the subscribers to this fund, were, remains unknown, save to Him who knoweth all things, as the record cannot be found.

The next important event in the history of the parish, was the purchase of a lot, some 23 feet front, by about 100ft. deep, adjoining the church lot on the north. The lot belonged to the estate of Henry Yates, deceased, and was to be sold at referee's sale. Whilst it was desirable to purchase the lot, for the purpose of erecting thereon, at some future time, a rectory for the use of the parish, the people were unable to furnish the means, wherewith to purchase. It was therefore necessary either to make a venture of faith, or lose the opportunity of securing the lot for the desired purpose. So as in the good providence of God means had been secured for carrying out successfully, much larger ventures of faith in the past, it was thought by the Rector, that this might safely be entered upon; consequently the lot was bought for eight hundred dollars (\$800).

The following form of subscription was drawn up, and the result will show, that the venture of faith was not made in vain :

We, the undersigned, do hereby promise to pay to the treasurer of Trinity Church, Albany, the sums set opposite our respective names, to pay for a lot, lately purchased for the purpose of erecting a Parsonage thereon, at some future time, for the sole use of said Trinity Church in the city of Albany.

Albany, June 9th, 1856.

Agur Wells,.....\$10.00	John L. Schoolcraft,..... 10.00	John S. Perry,.... 10.00
Robert L. Mulfers, 10.00	M. T. Reynolds,.. 10.00	T. Roessle,..... 10.00
William Headlam, 10.00	J. McNaughton,.. 10.00	A. Cunningham,.. 10.00
John Clemishire,.. 10.00	J. & Geo. Dexter, 10.00	W. T. Chuyes,.... 10.00
John Pritchard,.. 10.00	J. W. Eaton,..... 10.00	A. W. Lee,..... 10.00
Wm. T. Johnson, 10.00	John V. L. Pruyn, 10.00	B. A. Towner,.... 10.00
E. A. Selkirk,.... 10.00	John Tweddle,.. 10.00	Thomas Hun,..... 10.00
C. S. Tripp,..... 10.00	A. M. Strong,..... 10.00	Amasa J. Parker, 10.00
Edwin Luce,..... 10.00	S. B. McCoy,..... 10.00	Walter S. Church, 10.00
Charles E. Bleeker, 10.00	C. Van Veeton,.... 10.00	J. K. Porter,..... 10.00
J. B. Hadley,.... 10.00	Wm. J. Thomas, 10.00	J. S. Putnam,.... 5.00
S. Whipple,..... 10.00	Dexter Reynolds, 10.00	T. A. Starkey,.... 5.00
Thomas E. Pitkin, 10.00	Rufus H. King,.... 10.00	C. Palmer,..... 5.00
John Fair,..... 10.00	Moses Pattern,.... 10.00	Wm. Griffin, jr., 5.00
J. H. Osborn,.... 10.00	Peter Cagger,..... 10.00	G. A.H. Englehart, 5.00
Wm. E. Bleeker,.. 10.00	Erastus Corning jr. 10.00	Sam'l Watson,.... 5.00
J. B. Plumb,..... 10.00		Edw'd Robinson, 5.00

C. Vosburgh,.....	5.00	James Kidd,.....	5.00	S. T. Savage,.....	5.00
R. C. Bentley,.....	5.00	C. W. Bender,....	5.00	E. Waterman,.....	3.00
Wm. A. Young,.....	5.00	John Sill,.....	5.00	F. N. Sill,.....	3.00
James Edwards,...	5.00	B. Van Rensselaer,	5.00	Geo. Wrightson,...	3.00
V. B. Lockrow,....	5.00	Wm. N. Fasset, ..	5.00	Wm. Lucy,.....	3.00
T. B. Wheeler,....	5.00	L. Tremain,.....	5.00	G. C. Cuyler,.....	3.00
A. Storrs,.....	5.00	Steven Clark,.....	5.00	R. Humphrey,.....	3.00
Peter Allanson,...	5.00	Geo. L. Ten Broek,	5.00	H. S. Wells,.....	3.00
John Stackpole,...	5.00	R. Merrifield,....	5.00	J. Ridgway,.....	3.00
L. Bew,.....	5.00	R. H. Waterman, ..	5.00	S. W. Whitney,...	3.00
John H. Hickeyox,	5.00	D. B. Waterman, ..	5.00	Cash,.....	3.00
O. Meads,.....	5.00	Wm. J. McAlpine,	5.00	Cash,.....	3.00
J. H. Van Antwerp,	5.00	Frank Edson,.....	5.00	Cash,.....	3.00
S. Hawley,.....	5.00	D. Russell,.....	5.00	Cash,.....	3.00
J. C. Y. Page,.....	5.00	Wm. Godson,.....	5.00	A. J. Wood,.....	2.00
D. H. Ford,.....	5.00	Thomas Olcott,....	5.00	Cash,.....	2.00
Wm. H. Rice,.....	5.00	Alex. Davidson,...	5.00	A. G. Graves,.....	2.00
Jas. Callanan, jr.,	5.00	Geo. W. Warren,...	5.00	D. Harris,.....	1.00
Philip Ten Eyck,...	5.00	Jno. D. Parsons,...	5.00	Cash,.....	2.00
Wm. Kerr,.....	5.00	Thomas J. Strong,	5.00	L. B. Johnson,....	2.00
R. Godley,.....	5.00	T. R. Cutler,.....	5.00	J. H.,.....	2.00
Paul Cushman,....	5.00	Dr. Nelson,.....	5.00	Cash,.....	2.00
Geo. Hoyt,.....	5.00	R. Steel,.....	5.00	Cash,.....	2.00
Wright & Co.,.....	5.00	C. M. Jenkins,....	5.00	Bullock,.....	1.00
G. L. Wilson,.....	5.00	Geo. Randall,.....	5.00	Cash,.....	1.00
L. L. Britton,.....	5.00	S. and W. S. Pad-		Cash,.....	1.00
Mary E. Scribner,...	5.00	dock,.....	5.00	Dorlon,.....	1.00
W. G. O. Merrifield,	5.00	Edward James,....	5.00	Cash,.....	1.00
S. D. Brown,.....	5.00	J. W. Netterville,...	5.00	Cash,.....	1.00
Ch's B. Redfield,...	5.00	J. C. Feltman,....	5.00		
E. E. Kendrick,....	5.00	Jno. L. Randall,...	5.00	Total,.....	\$847.00
M. J. Veeder,.....	5.00	Cash, W.,.....	5.00		

But no sooner had this work been accomplished, than the people, encouraged by what had thus been accomplished by one venture of faith in extending the borders of Zion, thus lengthening the cords and strengthening the stakes for a broader foundation on which to build in the future, than they set about raising means for painting the church externally, and thus preserving the work already done.

Therefore, in September, of the same year, 1856, the following subscription was circulated, with good success as will be seen :

We, the undersigned, do hereby agree to pay to the treasurer of Trinity Church the sums set opposite our respective names, to defray the expense of painting, &c., said church edifice.

Albany, Sept., 1856.

R. L. Mulford,....	10.00	James Hall,.....	2.00	Jessy Potts,.....	5.00
Agur Wells,.....	10.00	Miss Tmax,.....	5.00	Giles Porter,.....	5.00
Miss N. Brown,...	10.00	S. Schuyler,.....	5.00	J. S. Van Rensse-	
Wm. Headlam, ..	5.00	H. Hastings,.....	5.00	laer,.....	5.00
Henry Lathrop,...	5.00	Eli Perry,.....	5.00	John Jones,.....	5.00
John Clemishire,...	5.00	Wm. Davis,.....	5.00	F. W. Seward,....	5.00
S. Hamilton,.....	5.00	B. C. Raymond,...	5.00	Mrs Brower,	5.00
H. McElroy,.....	5.00	J. Vanderpool,....	5.00	J. A. Sickels,....	5.00

Miss Morrow,.....	5.00	J. S. Robins,.....	2.00	Mrs. Allanson,....	0.50
Prof. L'Amory, ..	5.00	Mrs. Bell,.....	2.00	Mrs. Turner,.....	1.00
Wm. B. Gregory, ..	5.00	Miss Williams, ..	2.00	Mrs. Bell,.....	0.50
Mrs. Cash,.....	5.00	Jno. Parr, ..	2.00	Mrs. Blake,.....	0.25
Mrs. Stanton,.....	5.00	Mr. Martin,.....	2.00	Mrs. Jones,.....	0.50
Samuel Payne,.....	5.00	Mrs. Wright,.....	1.00	Mrs. Bailey, ..	0.50
Mrs. Anderson,....	3.00	Mrs. Perdy,.....	1.00	Mrs. Shuffelbotham, ..	0.25
J. P. Russ,	3.00	Mrs. Owins,.....	1.00	Miss Bull,.....	0.25
J. Russell,.....	3.00	Lightbody,	1.00	Miss Cummings,....	0.50
T. Fonday,.....	3.00	Wm. E. Taylor,....	1.00	Mrs. G. Stevens,..	0.50
T. Schuyler,.....	3.00	Mr. Stewart,.....	1.00	Mrs. Jenkinson, ..	0.50
Mrs. Spaulding, ..	4.00	Mrs. Nelson,.....	1.00	Mrs. Gregory,	0.50
R'd McGlinn,.....	2.00	J. Pritchard,.....	1.00	Mrs. Levine,.....	0.50
Wm. Godson,.....	2.00	Mrs. Pritchard,...	0.50		
Total					\$214.75

This work having been accomplished in the year 1856, there seems to have been a short respite from all but ordinary parish work on the part of the rector, who had been mainly instrumental by his personal efforts, in raising all the foregoing subscriptions.

But with the commencement of the year 1857, there seems to have been found other work necessary to be done. The rents of the pews had been kept at so low a rate, in order to be within the reach of people of small incomes, that after meeting the other expenses, there was almost necessarily, debts accumulating which could only be provided for by extra offerings in the form of subscriptions. Hence, when it was announced by the treasurer, that the treasury was empty and that the winter's coal was not paid for, the only alternative was to appeal to the people who had been warmed and made comfortable in the house of God. And without any formal form of subscription, the following named persons gave, to liquidate the above named indebtedness of the parish, the sums set opposite their respective names :

Agur Wells,.....	\$1.00	Richard McCabe, ..	0.50	Mrs. Lawson,.....	1.00
James Turner,.....	1.00	Edward Bateman, ..	5.00	Mrs. Foster,.....	1.00
Henry Lathrop,....	1.00	James Jenkinson, ..	2.00	Mr. Hewitt,.....	1.00
Wm. Godson,.....	1.00	Joseph Kirk,.....	1.00	Mrs. Bell,.....	1.00
John Pritchard,....	2.00	Richard McGlinn,...	1.00	Miss Morrow,	1.00
Wm. B. Gregory, ..	1.00	Mrs. Woodhall,....	1.00	Mr. Cochran,	2.00
John Clemishire, ..	2.00	Peter Allanson,....	2.00	Mr. Fenstone,	1.00
James Bell,.....	1.00	Thomas Easterly,...	0.50	John Fair,.....	3.00
Mrs. Owings,.....	1.00	Mr. Fitch,.....	2.00	Mr. Ward,.....	1.00
Mr. McDonald,.....	1.00	Wm. Reilly,.....	1.00	Mrs. Nelson,.....	1.50
Mrs. Bell,.....	1.00	J. L. Wendell,....	1.00	Mr. Wilson,.....	1.00
Mrs. Perdy,	1.00	Mrs. Shuffelbotham	2.00	James Hogan,.....	1.00
Mrs. Crannell,.....	1.00	Mrs. Bailey,.....	1.00	T. Mayes,.....	1.00
Mrs. G. Anderson, ..	2.00	Geo. Cummings,...	1.00	James Mullen,....	1.00
Mr. Rowe,.....	2.00	James Gass,.....	0.50	John Wainwright,...	1.00
Mr. McBride,.....	1.00	Mrs. Twaddle,.....	0.25		
Mrs. Spencer,.....	1.00	A. Lawson,.....	0.50		
					\$60.75

During the year 1857 there seems to have been but little done to mark the onward progress of the parish, beyond

gathering of the above amount, and the ordinary work of the regular services. After Easter, 1857 to Easter, 1858, there was but one meeting of the vestry. At that meeting Mr. Agur Wells offered the following preamble and resolution :

"Inasmuch as we believe ourselves as a corporation to have been wrongfully taxed, on a portion of the yard on the north side of our church edifice, therefore

Resolved, That our rector, as chairman of the board of vestry, be, and is hereby requested, and authorized, to petition the board of supervisors in our behalf to refund to him the amount of said tax."

The preamble and resolution were adopted unanimously, and it may be here recorded to the honor of the board of supervisors, that the petition was made by the rector as desired and directed, and the tax was in due course of procedure, refunded.

At the same meeting, the lay delegates were appointed to attend the annual Diocesan convention, which was to be held in St. John's Chapel in the city of New York, on the 30th of Sept., 1857.

Early in the spring of 1858, the city fathers sent a notice to the corporation of Trinity Church, that the side walk in front of their church must be flagged, which being made known to the board of vestry, with an empty treasury, they were obliged again to make a special appeal to the members of the congregation, for means to defray the expense. The following form of subscription was drawn up and circulated among the parishioners, with the following success.

We, the undersigned, hereby promise to pay to the treasurer of Trinity Church, the sum set to our respective names, towards defraying the expense of flagging the side walk in front of said church edifice.

Albany, 1858.

Wm. J. Bell,.....	\$5.00	J. Clemishire,	5.00	L. W. Russell, . . .	1.00
Wm. Godson,.....	3.00	J. L. Wendell,	1.00	J. Johnson,.....	2.00
Wm. B. Gregory,..	1.00	D. Anderson,.....	2.00	G. Stevens,.....	2.00
James Turner,....	2.00	Wm. Stevens,	1.00	G. Fazackerly,	1.00
James Bell,.....	5.00	A Friend,	3.00	Cash,.....	1.00
John Pritchard,...	5.00	A Parishioner,	1.00	E. Domery,.....	2.00
Henry Lathrop, ...	2.00	C. Blake,	0.50	Miss Morrow,	3.00
A. S. Beers,.....	2.00	E. Shuffelbotham, .	2.00	Wm. Fitch,.....	1.00
John Fair,.....	5.00	Mrs. J. Owing,	2.00		
T. Easterly,.....	2.00	G. W. Fairman, ...	5.00		
G. Cummings,....	2.00	J. Jenkinson,.....	2.00		
					\$71.50

Scarcely had the above subscription been gathered in, when, by a dishonest sexton, who had collected about one-half of a quarter's pew rents which he appropriated to his own use, and which had been relied upon, to defray necessary expenses, of insurance and coal, there became another necessity to call upon the people for another extra offering, which call was responded to, as the treasurer's book shows by a subscription of over \$50.

In the fall of 1858, the corporation of St. Peter's parish, having by the vestry thereof, resolved to demolish their church edifice, for the purpose of erecting on the same site a larger and more permanent building, and as they would thereby be without a place of worship, therefore the rector of Trinity Church called a meeting of his vestry, and stated to them that "the object of the meeting was to take into consideration the subject of tendering to the vestry of St. Peter's Church, the use of Trinity Church; whereupon, on motion of Mr. John Clemishire, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:

"WHEREAS, The vestry of Trinity Church have been informed, that the corporation of St. Peter's Church are about to take down their present church edifice, in order to rebuild the same upon the present site, and whereas, they will necessarily be deprived of their accustomed place of worship for some length of time, therefore,

"*Resolved*, That the rector, wardens and vestry of Trinity Church, do hereby tender to the congregation of St. Peter's Church, the free use of our church edifice, for one service on each Sunday, during the time they may be engaged in erecting their new church edifice; also,

"*Resolved*, That the time of such service be regulated, and directed by the rectors of the respective parishes; also,

"*Resolved*, That a committee of two be appointed by the chair, to wait upon the rector of St. Peter's Church, and present to him a copy of the foregoing resolutions, and that said committee be instructed to inform the rector of St. Peter's Church, that if any other arrangement of the service would be more agreeable to him, that he can confer with the rector of Trinity Church, and that any arrangement thus entered into with him, will be agreeable and satisfactory to the parish of Trinity Church."

The chair appointed Messrs. James H. Turner and John Clemishire said committeee.

The committee, thus appointed, waited upon the rector of St. Peter's Church, and presented to him a copy of the above proceedings of the vestry, and, in reply, the rector of Trinity Church received from the rector of St. Peter's Church, the following letter :

St. Peter's Rectory, Nov. 8, 1858.

Rev. Edward Selkirk.

Dear Sir: At a late meeting of the vestry of St. Peter's Church, it was my pleasure to present the resolutions of the vestry of Trinity Church, tendering to us the use of their church edifice, for one service every Sunday during the rebuilding of our parish church. Whereupon, it was

Resolved, That the Rector be requested to acknowledge this kind offer, and to say, that should circumstances make it necessary or expedient, we should be most happy to avail ourselves of it. But that desiring, as we naturally do, the exclusive possession of a building, for full Sunday services, we have secured the temporary use of a room in the Geological building. Should this room not prove convenient, or should we not be able to obtain it permanently, we may be desirous of considering your friendly offer, by endeavoring to make such arrangement as shall be mutually satisfactory.

I am, with great respect,
Your friend and brother,
THOMAS C. PITKIN.

At a meeting of the vestry held May 4th, 1859, I find the following preamble and resolution offered by Mr. A. S. Beers: "Whereas on last Christmas Eve our rector, in behalf of the parish of Trinity Church, received as a present a beautiful communion service of six pieces, and as we are informed, by our rector, that the said service was purchased by the joint offerings of various friends of the parish in this city, through the solicitation of Mrs. Louisa Gilchrist, and her sister Miss Anna Hendrickson; therefore,

"*Resolved*, That while it gives us much pleasure as a board of vestry to receive the service in behalf of the parish, we do return the heartfelt thanks of ourselves, and also of the

congregation to the ladies who so kindly solicited the means for its purchase, and also to each and all of the contributors.

“Resolved, That a copy of the preamble and resolution be sent by the clerk of the vestry, to Mrs. Gilechrist, and Miss Hendrickson.”

Nothing more seems to have been done to require particular note in the history of the parish until the fall of 1860, when at the meeting of the vestry it was

“Resolved, That it is necessary to procure a new furnace for the use of the church, and that the subject be referred to the church and finance committee, with power to act, and to procure the same, as soon as may be.” The committee set about the work thus committed to them, and caused a new furnace to be placed in the church at an expense of some two hundred dollars (\$200) which amount the treasurer’s book shows, to have been collected by subscriptions made for that purpose, although the record of the individual subscriptions, and the amount thus given is not to be found.

In December following, a vestry meeting having been called, the rector stated to the board: “That the meeting had been called for the purpose of expressing in a suitable manner, the feelings of the vestry, in relation to the late death of our senior warden, James H. Turner, which took place on the 18th inst., when on motion of Mr. A. S. Beers, junior warden, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:

“WHEREAS, It has pleased our Heavenly Father by his wise but inscrutable providence, to remove by death from our church and communion, our worthy brother, James H. Turner, senior warden of this parish, therefore,

“Resolved, That by his death the church deploras the loss of a worthy Christian brother, the vestry a prudent and faithful member, and the community a peaceable and valuable citizen.

“Resolved, That we deeply sympathize with the family of the deceased in their sad bereavement, and sincerely desire to mingle our tears with theirs, at the same time remembering that we do not sorrow as those who have no hope, believing that he has entered upon that rest which remaineth for the people of God.

“Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolutions be presented to the family of the deceased, and

a copy of the same be entered in the minutes of our church records.

A. S. BEERS, Clerk."

At a meeting of the vestry held May 10th, 1861, the rector officially announced to the board, the death of the bishop of the diocese, the Rt. Rev. Benjamin Treadwell Onderdonk, D.D., who departed this life on the 30th day of April preceding, whereupon a suitable preamble and resolution were adopted, a copy ordered to be sent to the bereaved family, and the same recorded in our minutes.

The church edifice was draped in mourning for one month.

Notwithstanding that one of the largest and most approved furnaces had been put in the church in the fall of 1860, it did not meet the expectation of the vestry in warming the church. The consequence was, that in the fall of 1861, it was thought necessary to make further provision for heating the church; consequently I find that at a meeting of the vestry held September 17, 1861, Mr. Henry Lathrop offered the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That the rector, and finance committee be authorized to confer with Mr. Henderson, relative to supplying the church with more heat, and report their doings at a future meeting of the vestry," which was passed.

The action of this committee resulted, in causing two of Mr. Henderson's parlor heaters to be placed in the Sunday school room, in the basement of the church, in such a manner, as to carry the air heated, either into the body of the church, or into the school room, as it might be desired. These heaters proved quite effective, with an additional expense of some fifty dollars, thus keeping up the necessity, year by year, of extra exertions to meet necessary expenses.

As there was no meeting of the vestry during the remainder of the year, after the above committee was appointed, therefore, their report was not made until after the election of wardens and vestrymen in the year 1862, at a meeting held on the eighth of May.

During the winter of 1862 and '63, there occurred a violent storm, the wind blowing with such power, as to cause much damage to buildings. Unfortunately for the parish, the church edifice was considerably damaged, by having portions of two of the pinnacles on the south tower blown down, besides other damage. The edifice also required other

repairs, and the roof stood in great need of a coat of paint. Consequently, at a meeting of the vestry held June 15, 1863, "On motion, the church and finance committee were instructed to make such arrangements in regard to the necessary repairs to the church, as should be best calculated to protect and preserve the property of the church."

In accordance with the above instructions the necessary repairs were made as reported by the finance committee, June 20, 1862, at an expense of \$163.63. These and other necessary expenses, for repairs, and coal, and painting, had gone on incumbering the parish with debt, until, in 1865, it was found necessary to set in motion another subscription, to raise means to pay off the indebtedness thus accumulated, as will be seen by the following resolution, passed, at a special meeting of the vestry, held Oct. 11th, 1865, to take into consideration the subject of the repairs of the church.

"*Resolved*, That an effort should be made to raise by subscription the sum of three hundred and fifty dollars, in order to relieve the parish from the present indebtedness, and that a subscription be circulated by the church and pew committee, for that purpose."

Whereupon the following form of subscription was drawn up, and the sums subscribed as follows :

We, the undersigned, do hereby contribute to the treasurer of Trinity Church, the sums set opposite our respective names, towards the sum of three hundred and fifty dollars (\$350) to defray the expense of necessary repairs made on the church edifice, and for paying for coal. Albany, Oct., 1865.

T. R. Blake,.....	\$15.00	Skinner & Arnold, 10.00	Wm. Grey, 2.00
Wm. Granger,....	15.00	A. S. Beers, 5.00	S. H. White,..... 2.00
Geo. Cummings,...	10.00	Jno. A. Howe,.... 5.00	M. Boyle, 2.00
Wm. Little,.....	10.00	Richard Parr,.... 5.00	J. W. Mesick, ... 2.00
James Bell,.....	10.00	Evan James,..... 5.00	Miss Cummings,.. 2.00
Wm. Godson,.....	10.00	Simon Bell,..... 5.00	Joseph Kirk, 2.00
Mr. Patten,.....	10.00	Harris Parr, 5.00	Mrs. Turner, 1.00
John Tracy,.....	10.00	Eli Perry,..... 5.00	Maria Foster, 1.00
J. J. Austin,.....	10.00	James Kidd,..... 5.00	Jane Spencer, 1.00
Cash, (J. Y.),.....	10.00	Mrs. Bulger,..... 5.00	Mrs. Twaddel,.... 1.00
Cash, (E. C.),.....	10.00	Mrs. Turner,..... 5.00	Alex. Strain,..... 1.00
John A. Goewey,...	10.00	H. Wait,..... 5.00	John Simpson, ... 1.00
Wm. H. Taylor,...	10.00	Arthur Boyle,.... 5.00	Mrs. McFarland, .. 1.00
Coolidge Pratt &		Mrs. R. Ledger, .. 3.00	T. C. Flynn,..... 1.00
Co.,.....	10.00	Mrs. Brower,..... 3.00	John Downing,.... 1.00
Rufus H. King, ...	10.00	John Sheridan, ... 2.00	
Total,.....			\$255.00

To the above amount the "Ladies Parish Aid Society," contributed from their treasury the sum of eighty dollars (\$80), which fact being reported to the Vestry, at a meeting held April 4, 1865, it was

"*Resolved*, That the thanks of the vestry are due, and are hereby cheerfully presented, to the president, and ladies, of the "Ladies Parish Aid Society" for the assistance they have rendered us and the church, by paying into the treasury, the sum of eighty dollars (\$80)."

Which was unanimously carried.

The above work having been accomplished during the year 1865, nothing of importance was done, beyond the ordinary workings of the parish, until after the election for wardens and vestrymen held April 22, 1867, when at a meeting of the vestry held May 18, 1867, after the ordinary business of appointing committees, and receiving and examining the report of the treasurer, and ordering it recorded, the rector of the parish proposed to the vestry, with their approval and concurrence, to make one more large venture of faith, for the purpose of doing a work which he had had in contemplation for a number of years, and which when accomplished, would for all time to come, serve as an endowment, to aid in carrying on the work of gathering in souls to the Redeemer's kingdom on the earth. The parish was in possession of a lot purchased for the purpose of building thereon, a suitable rectory in keeping with the architecture of the church edifice, as a residence for the rector of the parish for all time to come. This work would necessarily require a large expenditure of means, which the vestry were well aware, that the congregation was not able to contribute, and therefore, when the rector proposed to set about so large a work, it was thought by them, to be a work impossible to be accomplished. He, however, thought otherwise, having, for nearly a quarter of a century, been engaged in a work which required constant ventures of faith, in the same direction, and therefore he felt inclined still to go forward, as before. Consequently, as a last effort for the permanent establishment of the parish of Trinity Church, for the building up of which he had given his entire ministerial labor for twenty-three years, it being the first and only parish, he had

ever had in charge, he proposed to raise a sum by subscription, of not less than eight thousand dollars (\$8,000), including the land, which had before been purchased by subscription, and then valued at two thousand dollars (\$2,000). To this proposition the vestry assented, as will be seen by the following resolution :

“Resolved, That we have heard the proposition of the Rev. Edward Selkirk to raise a conditional subscription of eight thousand dollars (\$8,000), including the land, for the purpose of erecting a rectory on the lot north of the church. And that we heartily approve of the same.”

Carried.

In this proposed work, the rector expressed his willingness to take the entire responsibility, which was entrusted to him by the church and finance committee. So large a work, as was thus proposed to be done, was not expected to be accomplished without much toil ; to be commenced, continued and persevered in, for a goodly length of time, in constant dependence on an overruling providence, for direction and guidance day by day.

Having surveyed the field of labor with some degree of care ; and estimated the cost of time and strength which would be required on or about the middle of June, 1867, a book was procured and labeled on the outside of the cover as follows :

“Subscription for building a rectory for the parish of Trinity Church.

“Albany, 1867.”

Then a photograph of the Rectory, proposed to be built from a drawing made by James Renwick of New York, the architect of the church, was procured and placed in the book that all might see what was to be the style of the proposed rectory to be built. And then the following form of subscription was inserted, and the work was fairly commenced, with the following success :

We, the undersigned, do hereby promise and agree, to pay to the treasurer of Trinity Church the sums set opposite our respective names, to defray the expense of building a rectory for said parish ; whenever there shall be subscribed

hereunto the sum of *eight thousand dollars*, including the land heretofore paid for by subscription :

Land estimated, \$2000.00	John S. Perry, . . . \$25.00	Wm. K. Clute, sub.
John A. Goeway, . . . 200.00	Jas. H. McClure, . . . 25.00	\$25, paid, . . . \$10.00
Wm. H. Taylor, . . . 200.00	D. B. Tunnecliff, . . . 25.00	Sumner & Hasey, . . . 25.00
D. Skinner, . . . 100.00	L. Pruyn, . . . 25.00	Charles E. Leland, . . . 25.00
J. Owen Moore, . . . 100.00	Jos. Lewis, . . . 25.00	Lyman Tremain, . . . 25.00
John V. L. Pruyn, . . . 100.00	John Fisher, . . . 25.00	Harris Parr, . . . 25.00
Richard J. Story, . . . 100.00	J. Munsell, . . . 25.00	Cash (Hoff—n), . . . 25.00
Charles Turner, . . . 100.00	S. O. Vanderpool, . . . 25.00	G. Huekel, . . . 25.00
A. B. Pratt, . . . 100.00	L. Bew, . . . 25.00	Quin & Nolan, . . . 25.00
Richard Parr, . . . 100.00	J. C. McClure, . . . 25.00	Mrs. C. Anstin, . . . 25.00
S. H. Ransom & Co., . . . 100.00	J. E. Roessle, . . . 25.00	Richard Parr, Jr., . . . 25.00
Erastus Corning, . . . 100.00	John H. Reynolds, . . . 25.00	N. Osborn, . . . 25.00
John Tweddle, . . . 100.00	Geo. H. Benjamin, . . . 25.00	W. B. Scott, . . . 25.00
J. McBride, Dav- idson, & Co., . . . 100.00	B. C. Humphrey, . . . 25.00	Morgan Dix, . . . 25.00
John Tracy, Jr., . . . 100.00	B. Wilson & J. A. Lansing, . . . 25.00	Jno. S. Perry, . . . 25.00
W. M. Tweed, . . . 100.00	George Evans, . . . 25.00	Isaiah Blood, . . . 25.00
Wm. Little, . . . 50.00	Robert Robinson, . . . 25.00	Jno. M. Nelson, . . . 25.00
Wm. Grey, . . . 50.00	Orlando Meads, . . . 25.00	James Hendrick, . . . 25.00
Evan James, . . . 50.00	Barent P. Staats, . . . 25.00	Wm. Laey, . . . 20.00
Isaac Bulger, . . . 50.00	Alex. S. Johnson, . . . 25.00	J. W. Hareourt, . . . 20.00
J. G. White & Son, . . . 50.00	Benjamin Grey, . . . 25.00	Charles Hilton, . . . 20.00
T. M. Amsdell, . . . 50.00	S. E. Marvin, . . . 25.00	S. Gibbs, . . . 20.00
W. H. Collgrove, . . . 50.00	C. M. Jenkins, . . . 25.00	Jas. Ten Eyek, . . . 20.00
John Kennedy, Jr., . . . 50.00	Jno. M. Nelson, . . . 25.00	W. W. Hill, . . . 20.00
J. V. C. Teller, . . . 50.00	David Orr, . . . 25.00	N. W. Macomber, . . . 20.00
Francis Clark, . . . 50.00	B. C. Scribner, . . . 25.00	G. W. Mesick, . . . 20.00
James R. Hadley, . . . 50.00	L. Lansing, jr., . . . 25.00	S. Y. Hawley, . . . 20.00
H. Underwood, . . . 50.00	A. C. Pulling, . . . 25.00	Joseph Kirk, . . . 20.00
Geo. C. Treadwell, . . . 50.00	Mrs. Moffit, . . . 25.00	J. A. McKown, . . . 20.00
Edwin Luce, . . . 50.00	R. C. Fenton, . . . 25.00	Harae L. Emery, . . . 20.00
Edwin W. Corn- ing, . . . 50.00	John Fensham, . . . 25.00	Geo. Martin, . . . 20.00
Benjamin Marsh, . . . 50.00	Henry G. Radcliff, . . . 25.00	B. A. Towner, . . . 20.00
J. D. Parsons, . . . 50.00	E. D. Worcester, . . . 25.00	John N. Parker, . . . 20.00
M. Maginnis, . . . 50.00	Dr. Herriek & Co., . . . 25.00	Lemon Thompson, . . . 20.00
H. & W. C. Hotal- ing, . . . 50.00	J. H. Bullock, . . . 25.00	J. Benedict & Son, . . . 20.00
Moses Patten, . . . 50.00	Jas. E. Pomfret, . . . 25.00	J. B. Kelley, . . . 20.00
Jacob Leonard, . . . 50.00	H. A. Dwight, . . . 25.00	S. W. Barnard, . . . 20.00
Joseph Packard, . . . 50.00	J. H. Ramsey, . . . 25.00	J. R. Silliman, . . . 20.00
Teachers & Schol- ars S. School, . . . 50.00	J. H. Clute, . . . 25.00	S. B. Towner, . . . 20.00
Ladies Parish Aid Society, . . . 57.00	James W. Eaton, . . . 25.00	Daniel S. Lathrop, . . . 20.00
Geo. Cummings, . . . 50.00	J. Woodward, Jr., . . . 25.00	W. J. Allen, . . . 20.00
John Pritchard, . . . 25.00	P. H. Ten Eyek, . . . 25.00	Dobler & Co., . . . 15.00
John Pennie, Jr., . . . 25.00	Amos Pilsbury, . . . 25.00	Jno. C. Feltman, . . . 20.00
John A. Howe, . . . 25.00	Thomas Mulhall, . . . 25.00	Fred. Townsend, . . . 20.00
James Gazeley, . . . 25.00	Franklin Town- send, . . . 25.00	A. X. Parker, . . . 20.00
Thomas Mayes, . . . 25.00	Rufus H. King, . . . 25.00	James Kidd, . . . 20.00
Sam'l Robinson, . . . 25.00	Henry L. King, . . . 25.00	P. H. Ten Eyek, . . . 20.00
Charles Seymour, . . . 25.00	Douglas White, . . . 25.00	Angelo Ames, . . . 20.00
A. Boyle, . . . 25.00	Wm. G. Thomas, . . . 25.00	P. H. Wendell, . . . 20.00
J. A. Patterson, . . . 25.00	Abm. V. Vechten, . . . 25.00	Jno. D. Parsons, . . . 20.00
William Todd, . . . 55.00	J. Howard King, . . . 25.00	James Ten Eyek, . . . 20.00
C. D. Mosher, . . . 25.00	Mrs. Jno Hunter, . . . 25.00	E. Everson, . . . 20.00
H. W. Silsby, . . . 25.00	L. M. Rodgers, . . . 25.00	Andrew Diekey, . . . 20.00
G. W. Hoxsie & Co. . . . 25.00	Alanson Sumner, . . . 25.00	Geo. S. Weyer, . . . 20.00
Ezra B. Beauett, . . . 25.00	J. R. Herrick, . . . 25.00	Dr. F. E. Andrews, . . . 20.00
	F. J. Barnard, . . . 25.00	Henry L. King, . . . 20.00
	Arthur Bott, . . . 25.00	Geo. W. Packard, . . . 20.00
	Cash (Newton), . . . 25.00	Wm. G. Weed, . . . 20.00
	James Kidd, . . . 25.00	Edmund L. Jnd- son, . . . 20.00
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Wm. J. Hadley,...	\$20.00	J. H. Hidley,....	\$10.00	Joseph Kirk,....	\$10.00
J. J. Austiu,....	20.00	Geo. Hillhouse,...	10.00	W. W. Whitney,...	10.00
E. Corniug,....	20.00	Wm. Orr,....	10.00	Joel Read,....	10.00
A. Bleecker Banks,...	20.00	Thomas Easterly,...	10.00	Daniel Shaw,....	10.00
W. L. Learned,....	20.00	P. Robiusou,....	10.00	Geo. Jackson,....	10.00
Frank Chamberlain,....	20.00	P. O'Brian,....	10.00	Alanson Sumner,...	10.00
M. Hale,....	20.00	J. H. Rice,....	10.00	W. S. Church,....	10.00
J. V. L. Prnyv,....	20.00	Jno. McEvoy,....	10.00	Jas. McNaughton,...	10.00
Geo. W. Miller,...	20.00	J. Simmou,....	10.00	Thomas D. Coleman,....	10.00
L. Chamberlain,...	20.00	J. W. Brasure,....	10.00	Hamilton Harris,...	10.00
S. B. McCoy,....	20.00	James Martin,....	10.00	J. A. Patterson,...	10.00
Mrs. Daniel L. Lathrop,....	20.00	J. Allen,....	10.00	S. J. Roe,....	10.00
Geo. W. Sherman,...	20.00	C. W. Weeks,....	10.00	Alex. Kennedy,...	10.00
Geo. McElroy,....	20.00	S. Jarvis,....	10.00	Geo. Dexter,....	10.00
Rob. T. Sherman,...	20.00	A. Robertson,....	10.00	S. Groesbeek,....	10.00
J. W. Tillinghast,...	20.00	C. P. Easton,....	10.00	T. Foudey,....	10.00
Wm. Granger,....	20.00	A. C. Halsted,....	10.00	Thomas McCarty,...	10.00
J. Howard King,...	20.00	P. V. DeZee,....	10.00	Harris Parr,....	10.00
Jno. Tayler Cooper,....	20.00	T. R. Cutler,....	10.00	E. S. Megan,....	10.00
Wm. Doyle,....	20.00	F. L. Yates,....	10.00	M. Delahanty,....	10.00
James Bell,....	20.00	E. Savage,....	10.00	Simon Graef,....	5.00
B. C. Raymond,....	20.00	Wm. N. Fassett,...	10.00	Mrs. Speneer,....	5.00
C. Mills,....	20.00	Henry Smith,....	10.00	Wm. Mason,....	5.00
William Crowwell Doane, Rector of St Peter's Parish,....	10.00	Cash (V. Buren),...	10.00	Jno. Kiernan,....	5.00
J. Livingstonston Reese, Rector of St Paul's,....	10.00	Cash (Champlain),...	10.00	N. S. Beuton,....	5.00
Edward Selkirk, Rector of Trinity Church,....	10.00	S. H. Hammond,...	10.00	Mrs. Merehant,...	5.00
E. B. Russel, Rector of Grace Ch.,...	5.00	J. C. Sturtevant,...	10.00	Peter Winnie,...	5.00
William S. Boardman, Rector of Holy Innocents,...	5.00	Cash (Wing),....	10.00	Egbert Towner,...	5.00
J. A. Chapman,...	10.00	Dr. Teller,....	10.00	Arch. Young,....	5.00
P. H. Wendell,...	10.00	Charles Hinkel,...	10.00	A. H. Taylor,....	5.00
A. M. Ward,....	10.00	M. L. Filkins,....	10.00	Cash,....	5.00
John Douglas,...	10.00	S. V. Frederick,...	10.00	J. S. Putnam,....	5.00
Charles McNeil,...	10.00	H. A. Nelson,....	10.00	Lanagan & Brother,....	5.00
Cash (Carmichael),...	10.00	J. L. Harison,....	10.00	Cash (H),....	5.00
John Hastings,...	10.00	John Burk,....	10.00	D. G. Bradley,...	5.00
Miss Williams,...	10.00	Jno. Evers,....	10.00	E. McClaskie,...	5.00
M. H. Read,....	10.00	Rob. Higgins,....	10.00	Shields & Son,...	5.00
H. H. Bulkley,...	10.00	S. H. Sweet,....	10.00	D. Dunbar,....	5.00
Alex. Kennedy,...	10.00	J. McEwen,....	10.00	A. McRoberts,...	5.00
Stanwix Hall,....	10.00	S. W. Smith,....	10.00	Francis Vail,...	5.00
T. Roessle,....	10.00	A. C. Jndson,....	10.00	Robert Scott,....	5.00
J. McClelland,...	10.00	John Stewart,...	10.00	C. W. Bently,...	5.00
Geo. Fazaekerly,...	10.00	Jno. Kirkpatrick,...	10.00	M. P. Caverl,...	5.00
S. Maxwell,....	10.00	S. J. Roe,....	10.00	A. Simpson,....	5.00
J. H. Andersou,...	10.00	Cash (Howell),...	10.00	E. McManarry,...	5.00
J. Bigsby,....	10.00	Lucien Barnes,...	10.00	T. Whalen,....	5.00
C. H. Young,....	10.00	R. S. Hendee,....	10.00	Cash (Shep'd.),...	5.00
Ira Harris,....	10.00	J. W. Husted,...	10.00	Rd. Strain,....	5.00
J. Stewart,....	10.00	W. W. Snow,....	10.00	Jno. Sheridan,...	5.00
G. M. Schuyler,...	10.00	W. W. Moseley,...	10.00	J. B. Stonehouse,...	5.00
John Phelan,....	10.00	D. C. Littlejohn,...	10.00	Cash (Sim),....	5.00
St. Michael's Ch., N. Y.,....	10.00	Wm. A. Fowler,...	10.00	Cash (Com's'k),...	5.00
		W. J. Cullen,....	10.00	Mrs. Keeler,....	5.00
		John A. Flagg,...	10.00	Geo. A. Bireh,...	5.00
		James M. Nelson,...	10.00	J. Ludington,...	5.00
		Alex. Frear,....	10.00	Wm. Bellows,...	5.00
		Wm. Hinchman,...	10.00	E. Maidment,...	5.00
		S. T. Maddox,....	10.00	M. Cassidy,....	5.00
		Thomas C. Fields,...	10.00	Henry Broek,....	5.00
		James Irving,....	10.00	Geo. Conuolly,...	7.00
		R. Flanagan,....	10.00	J. L. Snow,....	5.00
		John Tighe,....	10.00	C. P. Staats,....	5.00
		C. W. Armstrong,...	10.00	R. W. Wooster,...	5.00
		John H. White,...	10.00	Thomas Oleott,...	5.00
		James Goodwin,...	10.00		
		Visseher Ten Eyck,...	10.00		

S. H. VanSickler, \$5.00	G. B. Church,.... \$5.00	J. M. Kimball,... \$5.00
George Snyder,... 5.00	Thomas Dolan,... 5.00	Cash (Morrow),... 5.00
G. H. Dibble,... 5.00	Wm. Barnes,..... 5.00	M. Tebbutt,..... 5.00
J. S. Dickerman, 5.00	Mary Ann Lang, 5.00	Cash (F.),..... 5.00
D. M. Woodhall, 5.00	Dwight King,.... 5.00	William E. Fitch, 5.00
Jno. Parr,..... 5.00	Sidney S. Jones, 5.00	John H. Sand,... 5.00
Hugh McCann,... 5.00	G. W. Plunkett, 5.00	D. T. Crane,.... 5.00
Wm. F. Ramsey, 5.00	P. J. Flynn,..... 5.00	Jno. Kinsella,... 5.00
Wm. D. Woodhall, 5.00	E. H. Apgar,..... 5.00	J. C. Potts,..... 5.00
R. H. Talcott,.... 5.00	Cash (Roy), 5.00	Wm. N. Fassett, 5.00
Cash (Mather),... 5.00	Jared Holt,..... 5.00	Thomas Whalen, 5.00
Cash (Weaver),... 5.00	Jno. S. Robins,... 5.00	John Farrell,.... 5.00
James Hall,..... 5.00	James Divine,.... 5.00	
John C. Austin,... 5.00	Charles A. Temple, 5.00	
		<hr/> \$8,044.00

Thus making a cash subscription of \$8,044.00, and the value of the land estimated at \$2,000.00 and the material and labor as follows: \$1,903.95, and we have the entire cost of the lot and rectory amounting to \$11,947.95, which added to the value of the church edifice and lot, gives a grand total of property accumulated during the administration of the present rector of from fifty to sixty thousand dollars.

When the above cash subscription, and the following subscription in material and labor, had, together with the land, amounted to the sum of eight thousand dollars, according to the terms of the subscription, Messrs. Nichols & Brown of this city were engaged as architects to prepare the plans and specifications for the proposed building, which was generously done on their part, *without charge*.

And in Oct, 1867, the contract for excavating for the building was given to Frank E. Cuyler, and the contract for the mason work to Messrs. Gillespie & Patterson; and the putting on of the timber, and other carpenter work to Wm. Nichols; the making and setting of window frames to Francis Clark; the stone cutting to Messrs. McMurry, Weidman & Co.; the iron lintels, etc., to Mr. J. McKinney; and the joiner work to Messrs. Chartran & Olena, which was afterwards abandoned on the part of Mr. Chartran, and completed by Olena.

The roofing was done by Messrs. Osborn & Martin; the plastering by Mr. A. Boyle; the painting inside by Mr. John Cook; gas fitting by Messrs. Crawford & Tucker; and the plumbing by Ridgway & Co., and the papering, as will be seen by the subscription list, was donations from Messrs. Steel & King, and Mr. C. S. McEntie; and frescoing by Mr. Mickle & Co.

All of which work was done in the most permanent and workmanlike manner, reflecting great credit upon each and all of the workmen, as the building itself bears abundant evidence.

In due time the building was completed, and was occupied by the rector in February, 1868; before which time he received from many of his friends very generous donations towards furnishing his own rooms; for each and all of which he would here, record his grateful remembrance, and his unfeigned gratitude.

The entire cost of the building, including the donations in labor and material, will not vary much from ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00). Hence, before the entire cost of the building could be met, it became necessary to raise much more means, than the terms of the first subscription called for. Hence, as the building progressed, the work of soliciting additional subscriptions had to be continued, until in June, 1870, when it was found that one thousand dollars was still wanting to meet the entire cost. This being made known, to a few gentlemen; it was kindly proposed, to raise that amount, in subscriptions of twenty dollars each. The plan was at once adopted, and with sincere gratitude to those who became subscribers in this emergency, as well as to all others, by which the work has been accomplished, as we trust, to the glory of God, and the welfare of our fellow-men, we are thankful to be able to put on record, that our united labor has not been in vain in the Lord.

The following is the subscription of material and labor, alluded to in the foregoing pages, with the names of the individual subscribers, and the estimated value of the material, &c.

Wm. Nichols, in work for framing,	\$50.00
Wm. Manson, on account of parlor mantel,	25.00
C. S. McEntee, papering 2d story,	40.00
D. G. Littlefield, No. 22 brick furnace,	175.00
W. Murrey, Weidman & Co., cut stone,	25.00
Warren & Co., cement and draining tile,	40 00
Pierce & Co., kitchen sink,	5.00
Thomas McCarty, 10,000 brick,	70.00
James C. Moore, 10,000 "	70.00
D. E. Bassett, 10,000 "	70.00
Edward Fisher, 10,000 "	70.00

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R. Aspinwall, 5,000 brick,	\$35.00
Wm. Hunter, 5,000 "	35.00
Read & Wagoner, 5,000 "	35.00
Thomas Lynch, 20 load sand,	25.00
P. Connolly, 3 " "	3.75
Mr. Furburg, 3 " "	3.75
Steel & King, papering, 1st story,	50.00
James Kidd (gas chandeliers) about,	80.00
T. R. Ferris (gilt moulding, 100 ft.,	7.00
Albany Insurance Co., iron railing for balcony,	25.00
Cunliff & Sloss, fitting & putting up, "	20.00
G. S. Weaver, 3,690 feet of pine timber,	100.00
W. A. Many & Co., 2,264 feet hemlock,	59.00
Clement Warren, 1,056 " "	25.00
J. C. Ward & Son, 725 " "	15.00
S. & G. Roark, 800 furring and 130 B. lath,	40.00
Nelson Rodgers, 730 ft. chestnut 4x4,	20.00
Rodney Vose, 75 scantling 3x4,	12.00
Simonds & Griswold, 100 H. boards,	16.00
H. Q. Hawley & Co., dressing lumber,	25.00
Corning & Co., 3 kegs nails,	15.00
Van Rensselaer & Earle, lath,	15.00
C. Tremper, 1 keg of nails,	5.25
G. W. Packard, Am stove, water back,	40.00
Fuller, Warren & Co., Troy, 18 furnace bars,	25.00
Walsh & Brother, 3 furnace registers,	10.00
Alexander Dickey, 3 " "	10.00
E. J. Kearney, plumbing,	25.00
P. H. Griffin, copper boiler,	40.00
John Downing, 1 water closet,	15.00
Michael Delahanty, 1 bath tub,	20.00
Wm. Clark & Son, butler's sink,	5.00
Branion Brothers, wash stand marble top,	15.00
Allan Gilmour, water closet and trap,	15.00
Ostrander & Ward, wash bowl,	3.00
E. Mulcahy, 2 lengths and 2 bends cast iron pipes,	5.00
Doyle & Dugan, water cocks,	3.00
M. Bender, 500 paving brick,	5.00
Weaver & Co., lumber,	20.00
C. B. Pinckney, 70 lbs. sheet lead,	10.50
T. Wareing, plumbing material,	8.50
P. M. Mulcahy, 1 coil lead pipe,	12.00
Fitzgerald & Guinaw, 40 lbs. solder,	20.00
E. Hanlon, 1 marble mantel,	25.00
H. Guire, 5 garret doors,	8.00
Jones & Co., lumber,	25.00
G. T. Bratt, black walnut lumber,	15.00
Wm. DeErmand, glass,	25.00
Miller & Coats (New York), vestibule tiles,	10.00
C. W. Billings, on account of mantels,	10.00

F. N. Sill, 1 ton coal,.....	\$8.00
J. A. Willsie, $\frac{1}{2}$ ton coal,.....	4.00
Ridgway & Co., on account of plumbing,.....	33.00
Townsend & Jackson, bill, castings,.....	2.95
G. & S. Robinson, 3 gas brackets,.....	3.00
Geo. Connolly, stove pipe, &c.,.....	7.00
R. J. Doolen, on account of graining,.....	25.00
John Cook, " " " painting,.....	25.00
Emanuel Mickel, frescoing hall,.....	25.00
J. C. Ward & Son, lumber,.....	6.25
John Carrigan, paint,.....	5.00
J. W. Osborn & Martin, slating,.....	25.00
Haskell & Orchard, mantel brackets,.....	3.00
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	\$1,903.95
Add the lot and cash subscription,.....	10,044.00
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Total,	\$11,947.95

From the time of commencing the work of building the rectory, in June, 1867, to its completion and occupancy in February, 1869, being two years and eight months, and even up to the time of liquidating all the expenses thereby incurred, which was not done until the fall of 1870, there was little else done, beyond the ordinary routine of parish work, that demands special record, as a part of the history of the corporation ; still, it is worthy of note that whilst one and another who were members of the parish were passing away from time to time, it was seldom that any one officially connected with the parish was taken from our midst. Hence, such events became a part of our history, being suitably recorded in our minutes, as will be seen by the following preamble and resolutions, passed at a meeting of the board convened Oct. 6th, 1868 :

" WHEREAS, It hath pleased Almighty God in his wise providence, to remove by death, our friend and brother, Mr. Evan James, a member of this board of vestry, respected and esteemed by all ; therefore,

" *Resolved*, That by his death, the parish is called to mourn the loss of a worthy member, the vestry an active and valued associate, and the community a highly esteemed citizen.

" *Resolved*, That we deeply sympathize with the widow and family of the deceased, on account of their irreparable

bereavement, of so kind a husband and parent, and whilst we mourn the loss of our colleague in office, we humbly trust that our loss is his eternal gain, and in humble submission to the dealings of providence, desire to place on record our unqualified respect for the memory of our departed brother."

In the fall of 1868, the church and finance committee informed the vestry that the furnace in the church had become so eaten out by rust, as to be beyond repair, and that it was necessary that a new one should be procured. Whereupon a committee was ordered to examine the various furnaces in market, and report. In accordance with this instruction the finance committee at a meeting held November 24th, reported, "the acceptance of Messrs. Perry & Co.'s furnace, which had been placed in the church, and appeared to prove satisfactory," etc., and after two winters' trial it has far surpassed in capacity, any other furnace ever used in the church, both in respect to economy and efficiency in heating the building. This involved another outlay of some two hundred dollars (\$200), which had to be met as heretofore by subscription, for which purpose the following named sums were subscribed.

Richard J. Story, \$25.00	Wm. Little, . . . \$5.00	On the plate, . . . \$7.09
James Bell, . . . 10.00	Wm. Jardien, . . . 2.00	Cash by Wm. Granger, . . . 10.00
John Pritchard, . . 10.00	Mrs. Turner, . . . 5.00	Miss Tweddle, . . . 1.00
Geo. Cummings, . . 10.00	T. E. Norman, . . . 2.50	D. Dunbar, . . . 1.00
Mrs. Brown, . . . 10.00	Miss Ball, . . . 1.00	
Wm. Granger, . . . 5.00	Mrs. Connolly,50	
		<u>\$105.09</u>

During the remainder of the ecclesiastical year, every thing went on as usual in the working of the parish; as also during the year 1869. But after the Easter election in the spring of the present year 1870, at a meeting of the vestry, May the 9th, the following is the record of a portion of the proceedings:

"The rector made a report of the progress of the work relative to the rectory, and presented the corporate deeds of the parish property, which were examined, and found satisfactory. And also stated, that there had been received and expended for the rectory the sum of six thousand six hundred and thirteen dollars (\$6,613) in cash, as also material and labor subscriptions about two thousand dollars

(\$2,000); that there had been paid in all, seven thousand five hundred and sixty-six $\frac{69}{100}$ dollars (\$7,566 $\frac{69}{100}$) that a balance was left unpaid of about three hundred and fifty dollars (350 $\frac{00}{100}$) in addition to nine hundred and fifty-three $\frac{69}{100}$ dollars advanced by the rector. And of the original subscription there remained uncollected about five hundred dollars (\$500), when on motion of Mr. John A. Howe, it was,

“*Resolved*, That the thanks of the wardens and vestrymen be accorded to the Rev. Mr. Selkirk for his energy and faithfulness in carrying out the above work.

“Carried unanimously.”

On motion of Mr. Geo. Cummings, the finance committee was requested to prepare a statement in accordance with the facts laid before them by the rector, and report to the board at the next meeting. At a meeting of the board held May 16th, 1870, the finance committee reported as follows, which report was received, and by a unanimous vote ordered to be inserted in the minutes, and published in the city papers over the signatures of the wardens and vestrymen.

The report.—“Whereas at a meeting of the wardens and vestrymen held in the church, May 9th, 1870, the rector, the Rev. Edward Selkirk, reported the completion of the rectory, and also laid before us the title deeds of the same ;

“Therefore, we the church wardens and vestrymen desire to certify the following facts, to the friends of the church, and to all whom it may concern: The property of the corporation consists of the church, the rectory, and the lots adjacent, is held by the rector, church wardens and vestrymen of Trinity Church, in the city of Albany, the first deed being executed by Archibald McIntyre and wife dated Oct. 28th, 1847, and recorded Nov. 4, 1847, in book No. 96, page 329, the second deed by Henry Yates, dated Oct. 28, 1847, recorded Nov. 4th, 1847, in book No. 96, page 350; the third deed by Lyman Tremain, referee, dated June 3d, 1856, recorded Oct. 8, 1856, in book No. 141, page 496. The cost of the rectory, as nearly as can be determined, has been nine thousand four hundred $\frac{00}{100}$ dollars (\$9,400 $\frac{00}{100}$) towards the payment of which there has been raised contributions in cash amounting to six thousand six hundred and thirteen $\frac{00}{100}$ dollars (\$6,613 $\frac{00}{100}$); in material, say about fifteen

hundred $\frac{00}{100}$ dollars (\$1,500. $\frac{00}{100}$), and in available subscriptions still due three hundred and twenty-five $\frac{00}{100}$ (\$325 $\frac{00}{100}$) which leaves a balance to be raised at nine hundred and sixty-two $\frac{00}{100}$ dollars (\$962 $\frac{00}{100}$) and to all who have cooperated with us in this work, we tender our grateful thanks.

Signed

A. S. BEERS,

JAMES BELL,

Wardens.

GEORGE CUMMINGS,

WM. GRANGER,

JOHN PRITCHARD,

WILLIAM LITTLE,

R. J. STORY,

WM. GREY,

JOHN A. HOWE,

R. W. C. MITCHEL,

Vestrymen."

After the above proceedings were published in the papers of the city, a new subscription was started to raise the last thousand dollars, required to meet the entire cost of building the rectory, which was accomplished during the summer and fall of 1870, and is included in the list of subscribers as herein published; and the result of all the required labor, and the offerings of individuals received as above, has given to the parish of Trinity Church, for all time to come, a church edifice, of the capacity of about five hundred sittings (500) well located, and as thoroughly constructed as ordinary buildings of brick or stone; a rectory of sufficient capacity for an ordinary sized family, thoroughly constructed of brick, stone, and iron; and both church and rectory, of Gothic architecture, in keeping each with the other, and valued at this time at not less than fifty to sixty thousand dollars, and without incumbrance.

The time which the present rector has been connected with this parish is now nearly twenty-seven years, having entered upon the work January 1st, 1844, during which time, besides soliciting and collecting the principal part of the means which have been required to carry forward to completion the work of building the church and rectory, and superintending almost entirely the construction, up to Jan., 1870, he had performed the following official services, as set forth in a sermon delivered January 2, being the twenty-sixth anniversary of his rectorship.

The regular Sunday services alone amounted to some 2,700, and services in Sunday school, about 1,350 ; and add to these all other public services, and they amount to not less than 8,500. The number of children and adults baptized is 1,017. The number of persons instructed and presented for the ordinance of confirmation 276 ; there has been received as communicants in all 450 ; and 190 of the number were received to their first communion. The number of persons married is 554. The number of persons buried is 607 — a number equal to more than twenty times the number of souls belonging to the parish in 1844, for as will be seen, at the commencement of this narrative, the entire congregation, in 1844, when the present rector came to the parish, including those of all ages able to attend service, was less than fifty souls, and none of them accounted wealthy. Therefore it will be remembered, that the means contributed for the building of both the church and the Rectory has mainly been gathered by the contributions of citizens, not parishioners. Thus showing, what can be accomplished, in a few brief years, for planting the church by constant, and unremitting effort.

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